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ONCE-IN-A-CENTURY CYCLONE HEADING TOWARDS MUMBAI

Cyclone Nisarga is set to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm and cross Maharashtra and South Gujarat coast on Wednesday

LANDFALL LIKELY TO BE AT ALIBAUG

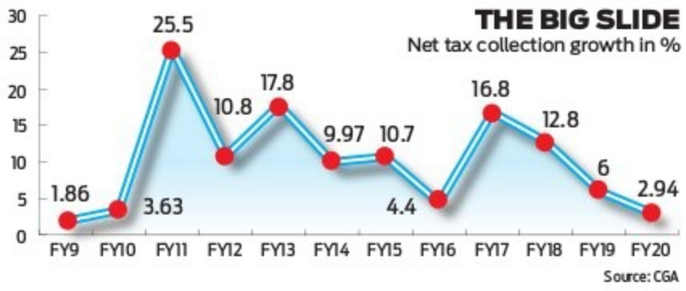
The storm will cross North Maharashtra and adjoining South Gujarat coast between Harihareshwar and Daman on June 3 afternoon as a severe cyclonic storm, the India Meteorological Department said. Landfall is likely to be at Alibaug, 95 km from Mumbai, but will have an impact on Mumbai. This could be the first cyclone in over a century to directly hit Mumbai

FLOOD ALERT IN MUMBAI, THANE

- The cyclonic storm could pose another challenge for Maharashtra which is already battling a steep surge in coronavirus cases
- 16 NDRF teams have been deployed in Maharashtra
- An alert has been issued for Mumbai city and suburbs, Thane, Palghar, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts | P7,10

120 kmph
THE PROJECTED GUSTING SPEED OF NISARGA AT THE TIME OF LANDFALL

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI



Net tax revenue growth plunges to 12-year low

Excluding states' share, expansion in tax collections petered out to 2.94% in FY20

SUNITHA NATTI @Hyderabad

GROWTH in net tax revenues fell to a decade-low of 2.94 per cent in FY20, shows an *Express* analysis.

The sharp decline in net tax collections, which exclude states' share, perhaps explains the government's reluctance to open up the money spigots and deploy an aggressive stimulus plan to aid economic recovery following the 68-day lockdown.

It was in FY10 that we've seen growth in net taxes plunge to 3.63 per cent. A year before, or during the year of global financial crisis in FY09, growth stood at an even dismal 1.86 per cent. Barring these two years, the increase in net and gross tax collections grew at a healthy clip despite having a low tax base.

For the National Democratic Alliance government, which has been in power since 2014, this is the third such instance when growth fell to single digits. In both FY16 and FY19, net taxes grew at a pale 4.4 per cent and 6 per cent respectively. Still, it was shades better than FY20's 2.94 per cent.

Needless to say, a higher growth allows the government to flex its muscles and spur public spending — be it on social services or infrastructure.

Data released by the Controller General of Accounts last week show that in absolute numbers, FY20 net tax collections printed at ₹13 lakh crore against the revised budget estimate of ₹15 lakh crore, translating into a shortfall of nearly ₹1.5 lakh crore.

Revised FY20 budget estimates peg gross tax collections, comprising income taxes, goods and services tax (GST) collections and others at ₹21 lakh crore. Of this, states' share stood at 30 per cent, or ₹6.5 lakh crore.

If you include states' share, chances are the shortfall in gross tax revenue could be much higher than projections. But that's not the most terrifying part.

With the lockdown delaying economic recovery, which already dented tax revenue by a mile, analysts expect FY21 shortfall in net tax collections to be even sharper. A recent SBI Research estimate pegged the shortfall to be as much as ₹4.12 lakh crore.

Even though the government projected net tax collections to grow by a modest 8.7 per cent in FY21, going by the actual collections, we need a growth rate of nothing less than 20 per cent this fiscal, which seems to be a tall task for now.

YOUR NEWSPAPER IS TOTALLY SAFE

Trump, Modi discuss China aggression, G7 expansion

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@New Delhi

WALKING the talk on expanding the Group of Seven (G7), US President Donald Trump on Tuesday formally invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to its next in-person summit in Washington. The two leaders also extensively discussed Chinese aggression in the Ladakh region.

However, the prime minister's office issued a bland statement without sharing details. "The two leaders also exchanged views on other topical issues, such as the Covid-19 situation in the two countries and the situation on the India-China border," the statement read. It also said "the richness and depth of India-US consultations remain an important pillar in the post-Covid global architecture".

Also, who initiated the call was not clear at the time of going to Press.

A few days ago, Trump had put off the summit saying the G7 does not represent the world. He wanted to get Russia, Australia, Korea and India on board. Signalling his acceptance, Modi said India would be happy to help make the summit a success.

India would be happy to work with the US and other countries to ensure the success of the proposed G7 Summit - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The interaction between Trump and Modi came on a day when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh acknowledged there is a significant presence of Chinese troops near the LAC. Singh said the face-off between Indian and Chinese troops would be deliberated upon at a 'senior level' on June 6. "The difference arose regarding the perception of LAC. The Chinese have come in good numbers but India has also done whatever is required to be done," Singh said.

Last week, Trump had offered to mediate between India and China but was snubbed by both New Delhi and Beijing.

Singh expressed hope the escalation would be resolved like in the past. "Earlier differences like in Doklam have been resolved with talks at the military and diplomatic levels."

A demonstrator (above) taken into custody by police during curfew, near the White House in Washington on Monday | AP | P11

PHOTO-OP AT CHURCH

Trump visits St. John's Church near White House, also called the sitting President's church, after protesters were forcefully evicted from the neighbouring Lafayette Park; does not pray, but holds a copy of the Bible for a photo-op. Bishop Mariann Budde shares her outrage

DON THREATENS TO DEPLOY MILITARY

President Donald Trump threatens to deploy the military to control the unrest in the US following the death of black man George Floyd in police custody

388 Cases added, influx a worry

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FOR a state which has managed to keep Covid-19 cases down and even earned praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the surge in numbers due to the influx of people from the worst-affected Maharashtra is turning out to be a big headache. On Tuesday, a record 388 positive cases were registered, with more than 300 cases being Maharashtra returnees. Udupi and Kalaburgi districts saw the highest number of cases with 150 and 100, respectively in a single day. With this, the total count in the state now stands at 3,796.

While the state is expecting more number of cases in the coming days, a total of 1,64,955 families, whose registrations have been approved on the Seva Sindhu portal as of May 25, are expected to return from the neighbouring state, according to data released by the state Covid war room.

On Tuesday, of the 150 cases in Udupi, 148 were returnees from Maharashtra, while the other two had returned from Goa and Andhra Pradesh. In Kalaburgi, all the 100 cases were Maharashtra returnees. In Belagavi district, with the third highest number of 51 cases, 46 had returned from that state while others were returnees from Gujarat and Delhi, and one contact is being traced. All the 16 cases in Raichur too are Maharashtra returnees.

While Bengaluru Urban saw 12 cases, six of them are contacts of previous patients, three patients' contacts are still being traced and three were Delhi returnees. Bidar recorded 10 cases, while Hassan and Bagalkot registered nine cases each. Here too, all were Maharashtra returnees.

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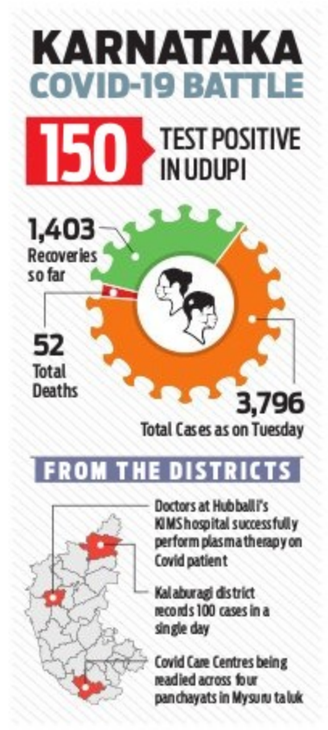
KARNATAKA
COVID-19 BATTLE
150
TEST POSITIVE IN UDUPI
1,403
Recoveries so far
52
Total Deaths
3,796
Total Cases as on Tuesday
FROM THE DISTRICTS
Doctors at Hubballi's KIMS hospital successfully perform plasma therapy on Covid patient
Kalaburagi district records 100 cases in a single day
Covid Care Centres being readied across four panchayats in Mysuru taluk

PC, SON CHARGESHEETED IN INX SCAM

P Chidambaram

Karti Chidambaram

Outed by Indrani

Chidambaram was outed by Indrani Mukerjea, former co-owner of INX Media. She has since turned approver

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

MONTHS after it arrested former Union minister P Chidambaram, his son Karti and a few others, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) filed a chargesheet against them in the INX Media money laundering scam. The ED filed a password protected e-chargesheet against them before the court of Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar here on Monday.

Chidambaram was arrested by the CBI in the INX Media case on August 21 last year. Two months later, the ED arrested him. The CBI probe found kickbacks in a Foreign Investment Promotion Board clearance to the INX Media for receiving overseas funds of ₹305 crore in 2007, during Chidambaram's tenure as the Union finance minister.

NUMBER GAME

RS polls raise political heat in Karnataka

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

AMID the Covid-19 pandemic, the state is set to witness hectic political activity in the next two weeks. Elections to four Rajya Sabha seats from the state will be held on June 19 and the last date for filing nominations is June 9. The RS polls have been necessitated as tenure of Rajeev Gowda and B K Hariprasad of Congress, Prabhakar Kore of BJP and Kupendra Reddy of JDS will end June 25.

While the parties are yet to decide on candidates, lobbying has started in the BJP, which can easily win two of the four seats. It is not clear if the party will field a third candidate too or support an independent.

KPCC president-elect D K Shivakumar is said to be keen on suporting JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda. Sources pointed out that such a move will help him have a better rapport with the JDS and more importantly, the dominant Vokkaliga community.

DETAILS: P3

Govt mulls reopening schools from July 1

BACK TO SCHOOL

- The State Govt proposes, Classes 4-7 will begin on July 1; Classes 1-3 and Classes 8-10 on July 15; Pre-primary to start on July 20
- Reopening Dates to be finalised following feedback from all stakeholders, including parents
- Admission process can begin by June 8, as per a circular from minister S Suresh Kumar

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THE Karnataka Government seems to be considering reopening schools from July 1 for the new academic year 2020-2021. This follows a meeting with department officials on Monday.

However, the dates will be finalised after getting feedback from all stakeholders — which includes parents.

The admission process can begin before that - June 8 — as per a circular by Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar.

As per the tentative schedule, Classes 4 to 7 will begin on July 1, Classes 1 to 3 on July 15 and Classes 8 to 10 on July 15 (owing to the SSLC Board examination which will end only on July 4), and pre-primary classes on July 20.

The Karnataka Government has proposed three models of resumption of classes for the new academic year — ensure social distancing and hold classes as usual; divide the entire strength of class into two batches of morning (8 am - 12 noon) and afternoon (1 pm - 5 pm); hold classes for various grades on alternate days.

All primary, higher primary and high school heads, teachers, parents and school management committee members/SDMC members need to convene a meeting and give a feedback on the proposed models and schedule.

Private and unaided schools are expected to open on June 5 for eliciting suggestions from parents and stakeholders.

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EXPRESS READ

Jarkiholi, Gopalaiah get district charge

Bengaluru: CM B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday appointed ministers Ramesh Jarkiholi and K Gopalaiah in charge of Belagavi and Hassan districts, respectively. Meanwhile, the government also appointed BJP MLA Mahesh Kumathalli as Chairman of the Karnataka Slum Development Board. P3

Tirumala to begin darshan rehearsals

Tirupati: The famous hill temple of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala here is gearing up to lift its over two month-long Covid-induced lockdown ban on devotees' entry, as it will conduct rehearsals of darshan for its staff for two or three days from June 8 with strict protective measures. P7

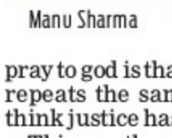
JESSICA LAL'S MURDERER MANU GETS TO WALK OUT OF TIHAR JAIL

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

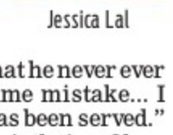
CLOSE to 17 years after he was sentenced to life for pulling the trigger to murder model Jessica Lal in 1999 at a night club, Manu Sharma was set free on Monday. Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal accepted the recommendation by the Sentence Review Board on the grounds of good behaviour.

Lodged in Tihar Jail, Sharma was on parole since the first week of April as part of measures to prevent crowding of jails in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Jessica's sister Sabrina Lal was okay with the release. "Honestly speaking I don't have any reaction. I am feeling completely numb. The only thing I pray to god is that he never ever repeats the same mistake... I think justice has been served."



Manu Sharma



Jessica Lal

This was the sixth time Sharma's plea for premature release was placed before the board, which is under the Delhi Government. For the board to consider premature release, a jail inmate has to fulfil three broad criteria: show good conduct; get a police recommendation for release; and an assessment on rehabilitation by a social investigation report.

According to prison officials, Sharma's release was cleared because of good conduct in jail and his contribution in helping rehabilitate families of underprivileged prisoners. He funded the education of more than 500 children of prisoners and gave business ideas to promote the Tihar Jail's brand.

Along with him, 18 other convicts were freed. Any convict who has completed 14 years in prison without remission is eligible for early release.

In 2018, Sabrina had said she had forgiven Sharma. "His conviction was closure for me," she had said. Sharma's lawyer Amit Sahni approached the Delhi High Court in November 2019, seeking his client's release.

No more paper, CM will hit 'OK' on e-files only

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COVID-19 times call for abundant caution and technology is bridging the physical distance in many aspects. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has now instructed officials that henceforth, no physical files should be brought to his office, and instead, the officials concerned should send files for clearance only on the e-office software.

In a letter to the Chief Secretary, ministers and their secretaries, the CM has pointed out that as of May 2019, the e-office software has been implemented in the State Secretariat and all communication between the CMO and the Secretariat is already being done on the software.

In the light of the increasing number of Covid-19 cases, henceforth, files should be submitted through the software. It should also be installed in the offices of all ministers and communication should be through this, the CM has said.

From January 1 this year, heads of all departments, Regional Commissioners, district Deputy Commissioners, CEOs of Zilla Panchayats, Police Commissioners and Deputy Conservators of Forest have already started using the software for official communication.

ALMANAC TODAY

• **Wednesday** 03/06/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Jyeshta • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Dwadashi 6.53 am • **Nakshatra:** Swathi 7.32 pm • Moon in Moon in Vrischika Rashi Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 22°C | MAX 29°C

FORECAST

Scattered tstorms late. More clouds than sun

Sunrise	5.52 am
Sunset	6.43 pm
Moonrise	4.22 pm
Moonset	3.35 v am

Passengers who arrived from Mumbai by Udyan Express come out of KSR railway station in Bengaluru on Tuesday; a girl pulls her luggage after alighting in the city | PANDARINATH B

UDYAN EXPRESS PASSENGERS TRY TO SLIP AWAY, EVADE QUARANTINE

Confusion as buses get delayed; Rlys didn't inform train was from Mumbai — a red zone

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CONFUSION and drama followed the arrival of the first train from Mumbai at KSR Station in Bengaluru, after two months. Two passengers who attempted to escape from the second entry of KSR Railway Station, to avoid institutional quarantine, were brought back by cops and BBMP officials. A few others may have escaped, but no one is sure about the number.

Udyan Express, which left Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, reached Platform 5 of KSR Station at 8.33 am, and 644 passengers, including 52 children, deboarded the train. However, according to S Vijayamma, Assistant Director of Health Services, Karnataka health department, there were 556 passengers, including 28 children.

With the State recently declaring compulsory 7-day institutional quarantine prior to 7-day home quarantine for passengers from Maharashtra, BBMP health officials got busy with thermal screening and swab testing (for special categories) before they could be taken to quarantine centres. However, there were no buses to ferry them. Passengers from within Karnataka who had boarded the Mumbai train midway, were allowed to leave as intra-state travellers are exempt from quarantine.

A senior BMTC official said, "Our buses were there in advance. When our drivers learnt that the passengers were from Mumbai, a Red Zone, we decided to send special partitioned buses. The partition ensures the driver's safety. We withdrew the buses and despatched nine partitioned buses," he said. "The Railways should have informed us that the train was from Mumbai."

Deputy SP, Government Rly Police, D Ashoka said, "A group of passengers was taken by bus from the second entry, and after 100m, the bus stopped, may be due to a technical problem," health equipment officer Shivakumar said. "There were too many people around as the buses had not turned up. Two of them tried to leave in an auto. They were chased and caught by BBMP and Railway Police."

Passengers on the New Delhi-KSR Bengaluru Daily Special, which had arrived on Platform 8 earlier, were also leaving, so there was no clarity on which passenger belonged to which train.

Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru Div, A K Varma, said the responsibility of passengers shifts to the State after they reach the station.

Illegal tickets valued at ₹ 6.5L seized, 13 held

Bengaluru: With the partial restoration of train services in the form of special trains and Shramik Specials, illegal ticketing activity too has resumed across the city. The Railway Protection Force has clamped down on these and has now arrested 13 people, including touts as well as agents, involved in such activities. A senior railway official said, "We conducted raids over a period of two weeks in line with the directives of the Railway Board. Travel agencies located across the city were raided in a silent operation. We seized tickets valued at ₹6,46,000 from their possession." A total of 11 cases have been booked, the official said. "They had been charging a premium for each ticket from passengers. With booking only permitted through IRCTC website and regular reservation counters closed, this forced those who were not familiar with online operations, to approach them," he added. **ENS**

Odisha teens rescued after video reaches CMs

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE ordeal of 150 young girls from Odisha, who were forced to work in a garment factory in Bengaluru, ended on Tuesday when they left for their home state by a Shramik Special train at 9pm.

The girls, aged between 13 ad 19, were brought to Bengaluru over a period of six months. After the Covid crisis struck, the employer refused to let them go despite repeated pleas, until one of them, decided to take matters into her own hands.

Some of the girls who were rescued, along with a RPF officer

Seema (name changed) took a video in which some of the girls explained their plight and sent it via WhatsApp to people she knew. Finally, the video reached Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

"The CM's office immediately contacted its counterpart in Karnataka, and asked them to take steps to send the girls back to Odisha," a railway source said.

With the government's permission, International Justice Mission, an NGO that works with child trafficking victims, visited the factory and rescued them. "The State booked tickets and put them on the Shramik Special to Odisha," the source added.

A railway official who interacted with the girls said, "They were brought into the city in small batches to escape scrutiny and made to work at the factory. The owner held them against their will, saying no trains were being run to Odisha now," he said.

UNLOCKING BENGALURU

Markets set to reopen from June 8, but with some curbs

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AFTER nearly 75 days of closure, the Russell Market and KR Market will start bustling with activity from June 8, but with conditions.

On Tuesday, representatives of KR Market, Russell Market and Kalasipalya Market made a representation to the BBMP and the Mayor requesting them to open the markets because of the huge financial losses. The traders were led by Member of Parliament P C Mohan and Shivajinagar and Bharathi Nagar corporators Fareeda Ishtiaq and Shakeel Ahmed. They demanded that as commercial establishments are opening and the lockdown is ending they too should be allowed to open.

Mohammed Idrees Choudhary, General Secretary, Russell Market and Traders Association, said, "We met BBMP officials, the MP and corporators and asked them to permit us to open the markets. They have agreed, but so far no official orders have been issued."

He admitted that earlier the markets were shut because of the irresponsible behaviour of the traders. The traders have now learnt a lesson.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar said, "We will give permission but with conditions like social distancing will have to be maintained. Street vendors won't be given permission. Traders will have to ensure cleanliness and hygiene, proper garbage segregation and scientific disposal. If even a single condition is violated then the markets will be closed down again. So far no written communication ordering the opening of markets," he said.

He said that while permission with conditions could be given to Russell Market and KR Market, nothing has been decided on opening of Kalasipalya Market as it has been shifted to the City outskirts.

Mayor M Goutham Kumar added that directions have already been given to the circle inspectors to ensure that all Covid-19 rules are followed. Regular checks will be done and if any violations are found then the markets will be closed down immediately, he said.

Avenue Road in Bengaluru witnessed a huge number of shoppers on Tuesday after the state government relaxed lockdown rules | PANDARINATH B

Govt cheers microbreweries, keeps the fizz on till June 30

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

IN yet another welcome move for craft breweries, the government on Tuesday allowed them to brew fresh beer and sell it as takeaway till June 30. The takeaway limit has been set at two litres of craft beer per person. On May 12, the government had allowed microbreweries to sell craft beer, which was in stock till June 30 as a takeaway in ceramic, glass and steel containers.

The craft brewers, while welcoming the move, stated that it takes close to 20 days for fresh brew to be ready. "By the time we prepare the fresh batch of beer, it would be close to the deadline of June 30. We will have to divide our batches to get some beer ready, which we may be able to sell by then. The second batch will be in the process of getting ready. We hope by June 30 the government will allow us to open for fine dining with the standard operating procedures," said Arvind Raju of The Biere Club.

"It's another positive step by the government because in the next fortnight most microbreweries would have exhausted their stocks. Allowing us to brew fresh beer will help us also stock up. We hope the government will allow us to open for fine dining with all mandatory precautions," said Sibi of Toit.

Pubs and bar owners have requested the government to allow them also to open along with restaurants on June 8. "When flights have been made operational and now restaurants have been asked to resume business, why is it that restaurants with liquor licence are being kept at bay?" asked a pub owner.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

03rd June : There's been more news recently about the chances of life elsewhere in the solar system. Not on Mars or Venus this time, or even the Moon, but on Europa, one of Jupiter's Moons. According to our latest information it is covered in water, with ice sheets at the top and volcanoes at the bottom. Not ideal conditions for life, I know, but good enough!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Today's planetary picture is best viewed as neither good nor bad, but neutral, bringing a turning point in your creative and romantic affairs. Which way you move is entirely up to you, so think ahead. But if you're going to make it at work you must have your colleagues' full support.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

I have spoken before about the potential for substantial improvements in your home, personal and family affairs. Today's stars bring a major shift forward, and you may soon be set free from a pressing responsibility. And that just has to be welcome news!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Keep an eye out for mistaken instructions and lost directions. Interviews and discussions could be muddled, short journeys could lead to unexpected destinations. Tread carefully around all legal delicacies and make sure that you explain yourself properly. Then everything will work out just fine.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Today's the day to sow fertile seeds for future prosperity. If you don't find any loose change in the street, at least you can gear your investments up for a future breakthrough. Don't put all your eggs in the same basket, though, or you risk losing everything.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

It's been a few years since we saw planetary alignments like the ones that are building up now. You may be buffeted by celestial storms, but that's all the more reason you need to wrap up well, metaphorically speaking, before you go out. The more protected you are, the better.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Only the highest standards will do, and I must ask you to be a saint. The stars are threatening to undermine your confidence, but if you are sincere, loving, dutiful and self-sacrificing, you will dodge all negative planetary patterns, attract respect and enhance your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You have your share of responsibility but, if you wish, you may make personal pleasure and creative satisfaction your principle priority. It's all a matter of seeing that partners take responsibility for themselves, and don't expect you to wait on them hand and foot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You may switch into top gear at work and keep your eye on the road ahead. Watch out for cul-de-sacs and blind alleys, otherwise you'll waste a great deal of time and squander your energy. Keep out of the way if partners are in a china-smashing mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Overseas and long-distance influences are growing stronger. This is obviously significant if you're travelling, for you may meet much more than you've bargained for. And if you're at home, there must still be some way to bring an adventurous angle into your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Material security does seem to be a crucial issue, although perhaps not as much as it will be after another two months have passed. It all boils down to the need to increase your cash-flow, but also to be certain that you make the best possible use of your assets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

It's a day of extremes and it's difficult to see whether you will achieve a major romantic breakthrough or run headlong into an emotional conflict. You must pick and choose your companions with great care, and don't let anyone else make up your mind for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

Venus, planet of love, is now your ally. You may therefore move into a commanding position in all emotional and romantic affairs. Keep a weather eye open for hysterical colleagues at work, by the way, and use the same soothing charms on them as you would with friends.

THE PHANTOM

A NOTORIOUS POACHER... HE'S BEEN RUN OFF BUT KEEPS COMING BACK.
FRIEND OF OUR ANCESTORS... WILL YOU JOIN THE HUNT?
IT WOULD BE MY HONOR AND MY PLEASURE. LET'S GET STARTED!
BEGINNING: "THE LLONGO FOREST"

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

SOME MISS THE BASIC FUNCTIONS OF FIRING A RIFLE.
SO, LET'S START WITH STEP ONE...
STICK OUT YOUR RIGHT POINTER FINGER
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

WHAT'S A GOOD BET FOR LUNCH TODAY, LOU?
I'D SAY GO FOR THE MOST EXPENSIVE ITEM ON THE MENU
LET ME ASK THAT IN A DIFFERENT WAY!
WHAT'S A SAFE BET FOR LUNCH TODAY?
ANYTHING BUT THE EGG SALAD

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RUFTI

SUREH

DEOROV

ARCYNA

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____ - _____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: POWER DROLL GRUMPY SHRINK
Answer: Before installing their new landscaping, they did some — GROUNDWORK

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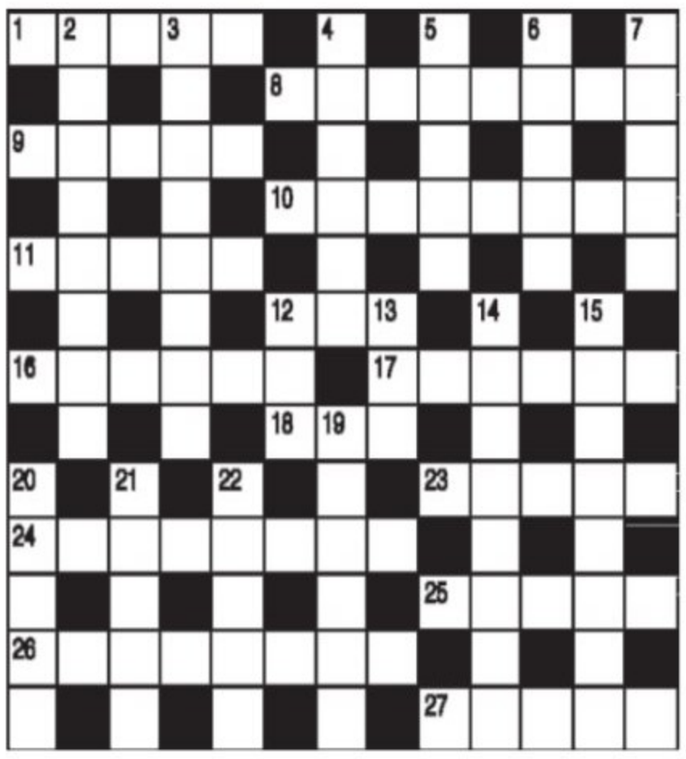
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Dragged to the altar? (5)
8 Results of splitting hairs (8)
9 Once more makes a profit (5)
10 Quartz watch that doesn't look real (5,3)
11 They secure some stock, not shares (5)
12 Disguise dad put on (3)
16 I am surrounded by rambling roses and trees (6)
17 About three minutes' fighting (6)
18 Centre of radiation (3)
23 Lower a boat on lake (5)
24 Possibly respects apparitions (8)
25 In a position to give a broad smile (5)
26 Threaten to put a stop to bad temper (8)
27 Point of view that may be right (5)

DOWN

2 Trio sang composition of this musician (8)
3 Pauline may describe these letters (8)
4 Song and dance announcement (6)
5 Good man has novel to hide away (5)
6 Poles always use an expression of contempt (5)
7 Wakes all awry (5)
12 Has become the possessor of a wooden trunk (3)
13 A soft touch (3)
14 Tree house perhaps of frontier days (3,5)
15 Winter dancing party? No, but it's thrown for enjoyment (8)
19 Rough? That's odd (6)
20 He leads us to her (5)
21 Prepared to study at the end of the day (5)
22 Stitches up the skunk's defence (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Elasticity, 6 Oars, 10 Delhi, 11 Raise Cain, 12 Confetti, 13 Ideal, 15 Oboists, 17 Grandam, 19 Greases, 21 Gremlin, 22 Naomi, 24 Last legs, 27 Offensive, 28 Ditto, 29 Acre, 30 Present day.

Down: 1 Ends, 2 All for one, 3 Thief, 4 Curates, 5 Toiling, 7 Awake, 8 Single mind, 9 Celibate, 14 Gorgonzola, 16 Sessions, 18 Delighted, 20 Soldier, 21 Gushers, 23 Offer, 25 Laden, 26 Copy.

Around 50 JDS youth wing members planted Karnataka flags along the flyover in Yelahanka New Town on Tuesday, opposing the move to name it after Veer Savarkar. Police attempted to prevent them, leading to an argument. Some were detained and released later in the day

BSY appoints Jarkiholi Belagavi district minister

Takes counterstrike to epicentre of rebellion to deliver stern message

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru:

IN a series of decisions approved by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Tuesday, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi was appointed district in-charge minister of Belagavi, and Food and Civil Supplies Minister K Gopalaiah was made in-charge of Hassan.

Athani MLA Mahesh Kumathalli, who lost out on a ministerial berth, was appointed Chairman of the Slum Development Board. The appointments come at a time when the Chief Minister is facing dissent within the party, with Belagavi as the epicentre. As if to counter the dissent, Yediyurappa -- much to the dislike of Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi who is also from Belagavi -- appointed Ramesh Jarkiholi as in-charge minister. Yediyurappa's recent decisions, including the appointment of NR Santosh as his political secretary, is an attempt at damage control, according to those in the Chief Minister's inner circle.

BS Yediyurappa

Ramesh Jarkiholi

A day after he said he did not have the time for 'dissent' in the party, Yediyurappa, with Jarkiholi and Kumathalli's appointments, seems to have conveyed to the Kattis that holding him to ransom wasn't appreciated. "When those rebelling aren't willing to hold talks, the Chief Minister has no option but to convey to them that he will not give in to bullying. When he said he is busy containing coronavirus, he didn't mean just the pandemic," said a source close to the Chief Minister, highlighting his attempt to tackle dissidence among party MLAs.

Considering Jarkiholi's huge voter base, money and muscle power, Yediyurappa hopes to convey to the rebels, led by Umesh Katti, that he has other generals in Belagavi region. His inner circle, however, is aware that the move comes as a huge setback to Savadi, who the BJP is looking at as the next big Lingayat leader. Ramesh Jarkiholi, who already holds the plum water resources portfolio, is a happy man now with the responsibility of Belagavi, and his man, Kumathalli, appointed chairman of one of the most sought-after boards.

While he is cementing his position and gathering as many influencers as possible from the same region as the dissenters, Yediyurappa is also said to be patching up things between family members.

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>
> — Source

Anti-CAA protest to begin today

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Citizens are set to return to the streets to protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens, over two months after they were forced to suspend demonstrations due to the pandemic.

Around 100 people are set to gather at Maurya Circle near Gandhi statue on Wednesday to protest against the CAA-NRC, demand the release people arrested by the Delhi police.

They are demanding the release of Jamia students Safoora Zargar, Meeran Haider, Asif Iqbal Tanha JNU students Natasha Narwal and Devangana Kalita along with activists Ishrat Jahan, Khalid Saifi, Gulfisha Fatima, Sharjeel Imam, Shifa Ur-Rahman and others. Some of the people arrested have been booked under the amended Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act since the protests started in December last year. AMU students Farhan Zuberi and Ravish Ali Khan were recently arrested by the UP police for participating in the anti-CAA protests.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

A rag-picker rides a cart in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The man from Kolkata has been staying in the city for 10 years | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Act against absentee Hopcoms staffers: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE horticulture department will take disciplinary action against 150 absentee employees of Horticultural Producers Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society (Hopcoms) in the state. CM B S Yediyurappa directed officials to take action against the staffers as only 250 out of 550 Hopcoms stores are functional.

Addressing officials at the review meeting of agriculture, horticulture and sericulture departments, the CM said that most of the districts in the state have received good rainfall and there is no drinking water problem. Permission should not be granted to drill new borewells, he said.

The CM told officials to cancel deputations in agriculture and horticulture departments. Since additional seeds were purchased and distributed last year, the farmers are demanding additional seeds this year too. During the lockdown, the department has established state food chain management cell and agri war room. Grievances regarding availability of equipment, sale of produces and transport have been resolved, said agriculture minister B C Patil. He told officials to reclaim the encroached government lands after a drone survey in regard to mulberry plantation area is completed.

Funds released

Yediyurappa has released Rs 666 crore of relief amount to maize and flower growers through online transaction. He had a telephonic conversation with a farmer and got confirmation on the payment. The CM had earlier announced a special economic package for farmers, weavers and others hit by the lockdown.

Kattis keep up lobbying, but Kore keeps cool

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

AS lobbying for the Rajya Sabha ticket continued in the BJP, sitting MP Prabhakar Kore played down the tussle. There is nothing wrong in leaders aspiring to contest elections, as the final decision rests with the high command, said Kore.

Eight-time MLA Umesh Katti and brother and former MP Ramesh Katti have set an ultimatum to the party, demanding the Rajya Sabha ticket for the latter. The seat will fall vacant with the completion of Kore's term. Umesh Katti is insisting on a cabinet berth in Yediyurappa's government.

Kore recently told the media in Belagavi, "Let Katti demand the ticket and I will also ask for it. The party will take a final call based on merit, and choose the one who is doing good work."

Kore said he was not responsible for Ramesh Katti being deprived the ticket for the Lok Sabha election from Chikkodi. "The party did not allot a ticket to me or Ramesh Katti, but finally fielded Annasaheb Jolle," he said.

Rubbishing speculation that there would be a change of guard in the state, Kore said it was not possible for any leader to change the leadership, and BS Yediyurappa would continue as chief minister for the next three years.

Tejaswini, Kharge's names doing rounds for RS polls

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

POWER HOUSE

Karnataka Assembly strength: 224 (excluding nominated MLA)

Congress	BJP: 117 (Including Speaker)	JDS
68		34
	BSP: 01 Ind: 02	

(Bypolls to two assembly segments are yet to be held)

> The choice and number of candidates depends on state BJP leaders and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's strategy. Let the state unit send the list, the core committee will decide
>
> — Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi

WITH just two weeks left for the Rajya Sabha elections, names of Tejaswini Ananth Kumar from BJP, M Mallikarjun Kharge from Congress and HD Deve Gowda from JDS are doing the rounds.

Elections to four RS seats in the State will be held on June 19, and June 9 is the last date to file nominations. Going by its strength in the assembly, BJP can win two RS seats, while Congress can win one and if Congress and JDS join hands, they can win the fourth seat.

While the BJP is yet to decide on the candidates, some leaders are said to be keen on electing Ananth Kumar's wife Tejaswini as she was denied the Lok Sabha party ticket in 2019. "Tejaswini has charisma and good rapport with party leaders and workers. Some leaders want her to be more active," said a source.

While some BJP leaders are said to be strongly backing RS member Prabhakar Kore's re-election, there is also talk about senior leader and General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka Muralidhar Rao's candidature. However, the BJP core committee is yet to meet to discuss the candidates. Sources said the central leaders will take a decision in consultation with the state unit and CM B S Yediyurappa.

Deve Gowda's name is being touted as a JDS-Congress alliance candidate. While JDS has 34 MLAs, it needs support from the Congress. Congress leaders are said to be keen on supporting Gowda. However, JDS leaders are said to be sceptical about an alliance as another defeat will be a major embarrassment for Gowda, who lost 2019 polls as JDS-Congress alliance candidate from Tumakuru.

From Congress, the buzz is around veteran leader Mallikarjun Kharge's name. He had lost the Lok Sabha election in 2019. The party, however, is yet to take a decision.

To win a Rajya Sabha seat, each candidate needs 45 votes. The ruling BJP wants to increase its numbers and gain majority in the Upper House. The Congress, which is keen to support the JDS candidate in the RS polls, expects to get the regional party's support in the Council elections. "The JDS, which has 34 members in the Assembly, may support Congress without fielding a candidate," said a Congress source.

Bullets go missing from police station, probe on

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

A day after an FIR was registered over 50 live cartridges missing from T Narasipur police station in Mysuru, an investigation has begun in the case.

During an inspection by the District Armed Reserve (DAR) officials which was preparing an inventory of the arms and ammunition, it was found that of the total 2,500 live cartridges used in .303 rifles, 50 were missing from the police station.

Based on this, DAR officials submitted a report to SP C B Ryshyanth who directed officials to register an FIR. A complaint was registered by DySP Prabhakara Rao Shinde at T Narasipur police station.

Commenting on the development, Ryshyanth said it was a rare but serious case and probe has begun to get to the bottom of it. "Nobody has been named in the FIR and a probe has been initiated under the supervision of additional superintendent of police P V Sneha. Generally, cartridges are in the custody of the police station's writer while the SI and inspector are the custodians of all items in the police station," he said.

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Not all passengers, who are in-transit, have to carry a Covid-19 test report. Only business travellers have to carry it. Those who don't have such certificates will have to undergo institutional quarantine for two days, during which they will be tested.

75 NEW RECOVERIES

1,403 TOTAL RECOVERED

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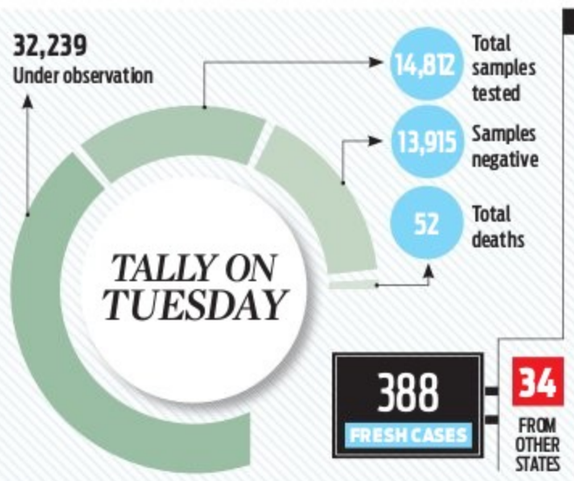
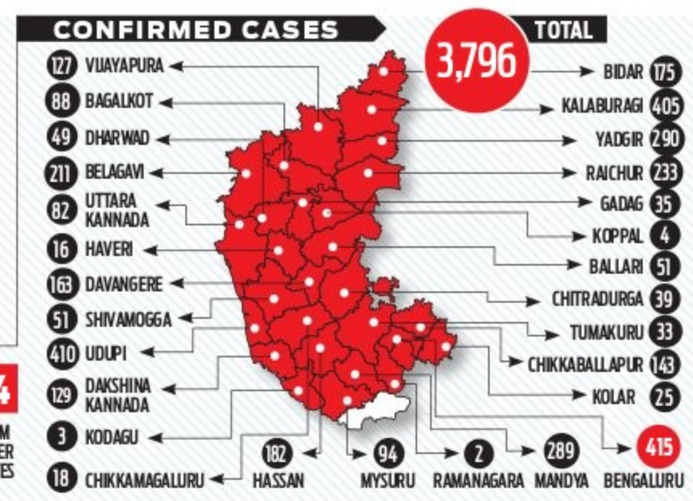




MAKE TESTING MUST FOR MAHA RETURNEES: SUDHAKAR TO CM

Lockdown relaxation, travel by train will lead to big jump in cases, the minister said

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

MEDICAL Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Tuesday said that he will discuss with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and try to make tests and 14-day quarantine mandatory for people returning from Maharashtra before they are sent home.

After reviewing the Covid situation in Hassan district on Tuesday, he said these suggestions have come from not just experts but also elected representatives as the state has witnessed a sudden spike in Covid-positive cases after a large number of people, mostly migrant workers, returned from Maharashtra. The proposal will also be discussed with Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy, he added.

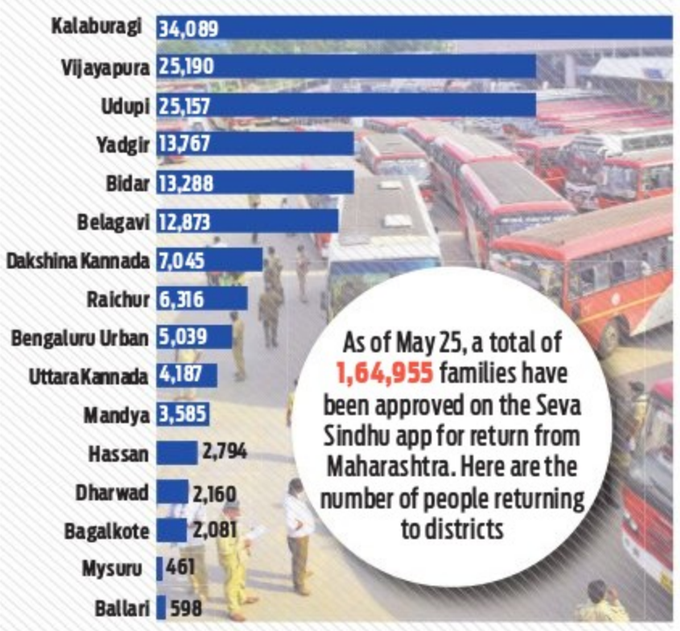
Now, Maharashtra returnees are allowed to go home after 14 days of mandatory institutional quarantine.

Dr Sudhakar said, "As on May 31, the state had 64 laboratories, which tested 3,04,816 people. Of them, 2,97,052 have ,tested negative, and only 3,408 are positive, which means that only one in every 100 people tested is positive. This positivity rate of 1% is among the lowest in the country. Even the morality rate in the state, at 1.5-2 per cent, is one of the lowest in the country and is lesser than the national average. As of today, only two patients are on ventilators."

He said that the number of positive cases will see a big jump over the next few days after the lockdown norms are further eased and people are allowed to travel freely by train. But people should not worry as the state government has made necessary arrangements to treat 1.5 lakh cases at any point of time in the coming days. Cases are bound to increase as the government has stepped up testing of samples over the last few days, he added.

A memorandum of understanding has been signed with premier national institutions and universities to study the immunity of Indians to coronavirus as over 80% positive cases are asymptomatic, he said.

THE APP AT THEIR SEVA



SEVA SINDHU APP TO BE MODIFIED

Bengaluru: The state government will soon be modifing the Seva Sindhu app. It will include a special feature where passengers travelling from one state to another via Karnataka will get a transit e-pass. Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Health Commissioner, said the updates will be available in the next two days. ENS

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa interacts with officials over video call on the Covid-19 situation in the state from his home office, on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Violate quarantine, face FIR, warns CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AS Covid-19 positive cases continue to rise in the state, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday directed senior officers to camp at taluk centres to prevent further spread of the virus and to file FIRs against those violating home quarantine guidelines.

Reviewing the situation at districts in North Karnataka and Udupi that are reporting a high number of cases over the last few days after the influx migrant workers from Maharashtra, the chief minister emphasised the need to take urgent measures as the lockdown norms are going to be eased further from June 8.

Yediyurappa directed the officials to ensure an adequate supply of Covid-19 testing kits, police constables to guard those under home quarantine, activating Gram Panchayat-level task forces to monitor the situation and also to get daily reports from booth-level teams.

During the meeting, deputy commissioners, chief executive officers and superintendents of police from Kalaburgi, Vijayapura, Udupi, Yadgir, Raichur and Belagavi districts briefed the chief minister about the situation on the ground.

"All villages and wards in urban areas have vigilance committees, which have to be active and report if there is any violation of quarantine rules," the CM said.

Officers in border districts should ensure that people do not enter without following the guidelines issued by the state and under no circumstance bodies be allowed to enter the state, he said.

20K released without tests in Kalaburgi

Kalaburgi officials told the CM that over 20,000 people, especially those who came from Maharashtra, were released from quarantine centres without tests after they completed the 14-day quarantine. ENS

75 discharged across state, tally now 1,403

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Davanagere saw seven new cases, where five were contacts of previous patients and one is a Maharashtra returnee while the contact of the other patient is being traced.

Yadgir had five cases followed by Mandya with four cases, and all were Maharashtra returnees. In Vijaypura, three had returned from the neighbouring state and one was from the containment zone.

Dharwad, with two cases, had returnees from Rajasthan while Tumakuru and Chikkaballapur, with two cases each, had Maharashtra returnees. The one case in Haveri too had returned from the neighbouring state while in Kolar, one case was a Bengaluru Urban returnee.

As regards testing, 14,812 samples were tested on Tuesday of which 13,915 were negative and 388 positive. There were 75 patients discharged with Mandya leading at 20 followed by 15 from Dharwad, 11 from Ballari, nine from Belagavi, five each from Uttara Kannada and Tumakuru, four in Kolar and three each in Haveri and Vijayapura. So far, 1,403 have been discharged in the state.

A visitor is screened at the entrance of a private hospital in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

410 positives: Udupi has most cases in state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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UDUPI district saw the biggest single-day spike with 150 fresh Covid-19 positive cases on Tuesday. All patients had returned from Maharashtra and were at home after completing institutional quarantine a few days ago. Barring three patients who can't be reached, the rest have been shifted to the designated Covid hospital for treatment, say authorities.

Sources said that Kundapur taluk alone reported more than 100 cases, while the rest are from Udupi and Karkala taluks. With 410 positive cases so far, Udupi now tops the list of maximum positives in the state. Results of 5,846 samples are awaited.

Though district authorities attribute the spike to the massive influx of people from Maharashtra to the district, sources say poor facilities at quarantine centres, especially in Kundapur, are also to blame. They say that in some facilities, three-four persons are kept in one room and that there is no proper monitoring of patients by authorities.

Till May 30, over 8,000 people had entered Udupi from Maharashtra, and over 5,000 of them have been tested so far. After the new inter-state guidelines came into effect, a majority of travellers who had completed seven days of institutional quarantine were allowed to go home.

DC G Jagadish said the spike is due to more tests being conducted. "Of the 2,000 people tested, 150 results came back positive. There are still about 800 beds available to treat patients in the district," he said.

Quarantine effective, 41% cases in state from isolation centres

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

NEARLY 41 per cent or 1,398 cases of the total 3,408 Covid-positives in Karnataka as on June 1 are those housed at quarantine centres across the state, showed data from the Health and Family Welfare Department.

These include domestic and international travellers whose swabs were taken on arrival, as well as primary and secondary contacts of confirmed patients.

Experts said that this indicates how important quarantining is in the current situation of people coming in from all states. Dr MK Sudarshan, a public health expert who is also a member of one of the Covid-19 committees advising the state government, said, "Most of these cases are of people from Maharashtra and from big cities like Mumbai and Pune. They are largely asymptomatic and have been institutionally quarantined and subsequently home quarantined after testing negative. Under the circumstance, we can only conduct more tests, declare results and extend home quarantine to 14 days if required for those returning from Maharashtra. Home quarantine has by far been very effective in Karnataka."

Majority of these Covid-positive cases from quarantine centres are from Yadgir with 282 positives. The district has the third-highest number of positive patients in the state with 285 cases as of June 1.

The state has 1,542 quarantine centres, which are currently housing around 15,000 people. Of these, 150 centres, including over 100 hotels, are in Bengaluru. In all, 78 people in Bengaluru Urban district tested positive from quarantine centres, of the total 385 positive cases as on Monday. Other districts with a significant number of people testing positive from quarantine centres are Kalaburagi 184, Hassan 144, Chikkaballapur 126, Davanagere 112 and Vijayapura 90.

Maharashtra travellers alone account for 1,822 cases. As per the latest quarantine rules, symptomatic travellers on arrival will be institutional quarantined for seven days, followed by seven days of home quarantine, if they test negative. Asymptomatic travellers are sent to 14-day home quarantine. But asymptomatic travellers from Maharashtra are sent for seven-day institutional quarantine and seven-day home quarantine.

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PATIENTS TESTED POSITIVE IN QUARANTINE CENTRES

Haveri	3
Yadagir	282
Kalaburagi	184
Chikkamagaluru	16
Gadag	24
Udupi	53
Mysuru	5
Chikkaballapur	126
Chitradurga	37
Bengaluru Urban	78
Hassan	144
Davanagere	112
Ballari	37
Belagavi	76
Tumakuru	18
Koppal	3
Bengaluru Rural	6
Vijayapura	90
Uttara Kannada	41
Dakshina Kannada	63
Total	1,398

Addresses of home-quarantined online

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THE addresses of home-quarantined inter-state arrivals without their name and other personal details have been put up on the government website 'covid19.karnataka.gov.in'.

"This is being done in order to enable and involve community for home quarantine support in a positive way. The moment 14 days' home quarantine period is over the address will be removed. All arriving from outside Karnataka must observe home quarantine for 14 days and Maharashtra arrivals have an additional 7 days of institutional quarantine," said Munish Moudgil, incharge, State Covid-19 war room.

Citizens have a mixed response to this decision. "This seems like the government's last resort. If there is self-regulation, this would not have been needed. There is no privacy concern as anyway neighbours get to know when someone gets quarantined," said Clement Jayakumar, a resident in Bellandur.

However, Tara Krishnaswamy, member of Citizens for Bengaluru, said, "Why does one need to know if someone is being home-quarantined? We have encountered other epidemics in India like polio, but we never approached these diseases as a security threat. With corona, we have not approached it as a public health issue, but as policing issue."

The information put up includes categories such as stranded migrants, stranded students if their educational institutions or hostel has been closed, those returning from abroad at airports outside Karnataka, etc. It includes their from and to address, taluk, district, date of travel and if they are with family member or not.

VV Puram in Bengaluru was sealed after a man tested positive for Covid-19 in the area, on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

COVID WATCH

JJ NAGAR POLICE STATION MAY BE SEALED

Bengaluru: Top police officials are contemplating sealing JJ Nagar police station after a head constable tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday. Health department officials identified 15 police personnel working in the station as his primary contacts. "The 15 policemen have been home quarantined. The station has around 70 staffers and tests of all are underway," an official said. City Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao said that a report will be submitted by the DCP (West) which will be sent to the office of the DG&IGP. "Based on the report, a decision will be taken whether to seal down the station or not," he said. ENS

How not to fight Covid: Health minister forgets mask, public ignores social distancing at event

Health Minister B Sriramulu attends an event in Chitradurga without a mask. His followers didn't follow social distancing

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @Chitradurga

SOCIAL distancing... What's that? Face masks... Are they mandatory for VIPs too? It was a goodbye to Covid fight.

On Tuesday, a function to felicitate Health Minister B Sriramulu near Challakere in Chitradurga district turned chaotic as people jostled with each other forgetting social distancing norms, while the minister himself, who advocates caution in Covid times, forgot to wear a mask.

The event had been organised to perform Ganga Pooja to Vedavathi river and the people had got a massive garland made out of apples and lemons — which had to be lifted by a crane — to put around Sriramulu's neck. Not just the minister, Chitradurga MLA G H Thippareddy, MP A Narayanaswamy and others on the stage too did not wear masks.

"I did not expect such a grand reception, but I could not refuse people's love," said Sriramulu, trying to justify the big crowd at the venue. But he went on to advise people to maintain social distancing, wear masks and use soaps to wash their hands to overcome the pandemic.

Taking potshots at the minister, Congress MLA from Challakere T Raghumurthy asked whether Covid norms were different for ministers, BJP leaders and others. He said that when the pandemic is spreading, the procession and felicitation were unwarranted. "A large number of people who had gathered for the function could get infected as all norms were ignored," he warned.

Raghumurthy and Sriramulu, who represents Molakalmuru, were instrumental in getting 0.50 tmcfeet of water released to the parched tanks of Challakere and Molakalmuru taluks. Sriramulu visited barrages on the course of Vedavathi river and offered Ganga Pooja.

Around 100 people are set to gather at Maurya Circle near Gandhi statue on Wednesday to protest against the CAA-NRC over two months after they were forced to suspend demonstrations due to the pandemic

BMTC app will have SOS button

Move aimed at enhancing women's safety

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will finally install an emergency button on its MyBMTC app under the Nirbhaya scheme for women's safety and will also revamp its system to live-track buses.

On Monday, the BMTC closed the window for firms to submit bids for the for the app and hopes to complete the award of the tender by June 15 and have the SOS button up and running by the end of the month.

Commuters have been complaining about the defunct live-tracking feature since bus services resumed after lockdown restrictions were lifted recently.

Officials said that it is due to change in routes and lesser frequency of buses that the app was on hold for a week. "The tender on the map feature expired and hence we called for fresh tenders to bring in new features," Santosh explained. C Shikha, BMTC MD, told *TNIE* that routes were modified last week due to night the curfew and changes in dynamics. "We will get back to normal as the situation is stabilising now."

The BMTC will also soon call for tenders to procure Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs). The machines, which are android-based, will include QR code scanners which can access debit/credit cards and cash wallets. According to K Santosh Babu, director (Information & Technology), BMTC, the machines are likely to be in use only by July or August. With the last year's budget, BMTC also plans on bringing in 2,147 diesel buses and lease out another 390 electric buses. But, the buses will only start operations by next year, sources said.

Minister for Textiles and Minorities Welfare Shrimant Balasaheb Patil, secretary, minorities department, A B Ibrahim and Karnataka Housing Board officials visit the site of Maulana Azad Bhavan in Vasanth Nagar to inspect the ongoing construction | EXPRESS

Schools elicit parents' suggestions on safety

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THE suggestions to be collected are regarding safety measures that can be taken during the classes -- principals, teacher and staff have to be present in school.

They have to meet again from June 10 to 12 and collect opinions about reopening of schools. Their decision has to be uploaded on SATS (student achievement tracking system) by June 15.

Likewise, the government schools will convene a meeting about school reopening from June 10 to 12 and submit the proceedings on SATS on June 15. However, in government schools, principals need to be present also on June 5 and 6 and put safety measures in place in preparation for the upcoming academic year.

HC: Bar Council must take action against advocates violating norms

IN THE HC

Bench takes up PIL on burning of shanties

The High Court on Tuesday directed the Registrar General to lodge a PIL, and place it before the bench, on the incident wherein shanties of migrant workers were set on fire at the Sunday Bazaar Slum in Kacharakanahalli recently. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty issued this direction after receiving a letter from Advocate Vaishali Hegde, addressed to the Chief Justice on May 29, pointing out the plight of hundreds of workers who have become homeless. Referring to media reports on the burning of shanties in the last week of April when the migrant workers had gone to their home town in Kalaburagi, Hegde requested the court to send a clear signal to rowdy elements involved in the incident. **ENS**

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THE Karnataka High Court on Tuesday said the Karnataka State Bar Council (KSBC) would have to take action against advocates who violate the Standard Operating Procedure formulated for the limited functioning of courts from June 1.

Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka said during a hearing on Tuesday that some advocates had created trouble at Gate No.5 of the high court complex 9.30 am.

"I don't understand what they want to do by entering the premises at 9.30 am," the Chief Justice said, adding that advocates in the districts were functioning in accordance with the SOP.

Some advocates tried to enter court premises on Monday without an appointment as mandated by the SOP, prompting the Chief Justice to say that courts would have to be closed if the SOP is not followed.

The Chief Justice also asked why the Advocates' Association of Bengaluru and the KSBC were unable to gather funds to help advocates clerks. The court will request 10 senior advocates to appear on video conference and constitute a committee to contribute funds for the welfare of advocate clerks.

Court seeks details of medical facilities for labourers

The High Court on Tuesday directed the Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board to explain whether medical arrangements have been made for construction workers and their families in case they contract Covid-19. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty passed the order after hearing public interest litigations through video conference on issues arising due to Covid-19. Asking the petitioners to implead the Workers Welfare Board as respondent to the petition, it directed the board to explain whether all construction workers are registered. **ENS**

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
BUILDINGS AND ROADS (NORTH) DIVISION
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No.77/PW/BRN/DB/D3/1-39/2020-21 Puducherry, the 02.06.2020

PRESS NOTICE FOR e-TENDER

e-Tender No. **01, 02/PW/EE/BRN/2020-21**

On behalf of the President of India, e-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors for the works of "**Improvements to the road works 2 (two) works in RC-4 Valudavour road and 4 Nos. of roads in Madagadipet Section, Puducherry**" for a total cost put to tender of ₹.5,96,15,174/-. For further details please refer to the website **https://pudutenders.gov.in**

No.035/DIP/AD(Press)/2020-21 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Varahi Hydro Electric Project)
CIN: U85 110KA 1970 SGC 001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement platform)

No. EE(ODY&PS)VW12T2/123/124 Date: 28-05-2020
e-tender notification No. KPCL/2019-20/EL/ Work_Indent9471/CALL-3

Bids in two parts are invited through e-portal for **" Rewiring of non residential buildings at Hosangdi, Kundapura(T), Udupi(D) "** from Class 1 or Class 2 Electrical Contractors who have carried out similar works in any utility/industry in India. The details of NIT and tender documents can also be seen on website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The bids will be received through e-procurement portal mode only. Last date for online submission of completed bids: **15-06-2020 up to 16:00 hrs.,** with **EMD**: ₹ 12,500/- & tender processing fee (as per e-procurement portal), in the form of e-payment. Date of opening of Part-I (pre-qualification & technical bid): **17-06-2020 at 16:15 hrs.,** & Date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the successful qualified bidders: **19-06-2020 at 16:30 hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of: The Executive Engineer (ODY & PS), VHEP, KPCL, Hosangadi - 576282, Kundapur Taluk, Udupi District. e-mail:eev2kpcl@gmail.com Mobile: 9449598872 or Contact Help Desk No. 080-25501216 /25501227

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
LOWER VAIGAI BASIN CIRCLE, SIVAGANGAI - 630562.

Short Term Notice Inviting Tenders (LUMPSUM CONTRACT ITEM RATE TENDER IN TWO COVER SYSTEM)
Tender Notice No.01/LVC/2020-21/Dated:01.06.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed Tenders are invited by the Special Chief Engineer, PWD/WRD., Lower Vaigai Basin Circle, Sivagangai from the contractors registered in Public Works Department in the appropriate class.

Tender Date: 20.06.2020 Total No. of Works - 3 Nos.
Work Sl.No.1 - Total Value of Works: Rs.1450.18 Lakhs
Work Sl.No.2 - Total Value of Works: Rs.1115.26 Lakhs
Work Sl.No.3 - Total Value of Works: Rs.422.86 Lakhs

For further details and tender documents visit the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.tntenders.gov.in

DIPR/2051/TENDER/2020 **SPECIAL CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD/WRD, LOWER VAIGAI BASIN CIRCLE, SIVAGANGAI.**

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-I, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana State - 500004

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
EoI.No.01/HMWSSB/CGM(E)/PCC-I/KKPN/DPR-EOI/2020-21, dated:02.06.2020

Expression of Interest (EOI) for **"Consultancy study for Kukatpally Nala Improvement from Fathenagar to Hussainsagar Lake to take up various components to ensure zero discharge of sewage into Nala and beautification including survey, planning, designs, drawings, cost estimates for ensuring clean water flow in the Nala"**

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) intends to engage the consultants for taking up **"Consultancy study for Kukatpally Nala Improvement from Fathenagar to Hussainsagar Lake to take up various components to ensure zero discharge of sewage into Nala and beautification including survey, planning, designs, drawings, cost estimates for ensuring clean water flow in the Nala".** The Expressions of Interest (EOI) is hereby invited from the reputed consultants having experience in similar nature of projects performed to Government Departments. They are required to furnish their credentials indicating that they are qualified to perform the said services with client certificates on similar assignments, organization details with their technical expertise of personnel, projects etc capable to undertake such assignments.

The interested consultants may submit their EOI along with a DD for **Rs.10,000/-** drawn in favor of **"HMWSSB"** to the Chief General Manager(E), Project Construction Circle-I, HMWSSB, Administrative Building, Khairatabad, Hyderabad on or **before 15.06.2020 upto 5.00 PM,** to issue RFP & TOR document.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-I, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana State - 500004.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of Jana **Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/Time & Type of Possession
1	30198640001285	**1. M/s. Sandwich and Soda Shop** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Sanjay Sri Prasad, 2. Mr. Sanjay Sri Prasad, 3. Mrs. Bindu B.P.**	**28.06.2019 Rs. 18,91,925/- as on 09.06.2019**	**28.05.2020, 10.58 a.m Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and Parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.70, PID No. 070-W0385-35, formed in Sy. No.4/5 earlier coming under Dasarahalli Nagarasabhe, Now BBMP Ward No.70, Katha No. 42, situated at Srigandakaval Dhakle, Sunkadakatte Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40 +48ft/2ft; North to South: 30ft **and bounded on the:- East By:** Others Property; **West By:** Site No.71; **North By:** Others property; **South By:** Road.			
2	30198640000957	**(1) M/s. CHAITRA ELECTRICALS** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Shivakumar, 2) Mr. Shivakumar, 3) Mrs. Leelavathi N.K.**	**28.06.2019 Rs. 20,80,777/- as on 09.06.2019**	**29.05.2020, 4.30 p.m Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Site No.8 situated at sy.no.16/1 situated at 3rd Cross Road, Avalahalli, Veerabhadraswamy Layout, Girinagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP Ward Old No.41, New No.158, measuring East to West 20ft., Ft, North to South 37ft., Ft, in all measuring 740 Sq.ft **and bounded on the:- East By:** Site No.7; **West By:** Remaining Same Site, **North By:** 20 feet Road; **South By:** Site No.1.			
3	30198650010695	**(1) M/s. Aorta Life Sciences** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. N.Manjunatha, 2) Mr. N Manjunatha & Mrs. Gayathri**	**28.06.2019 Rs. 12,36,979/- as on 09.06.2019**	**29.05.2020, 2.31p.m Physical Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and Parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.64,in the layout called as **'Neha Residency'** formed in converted Sy. No 6/3, situated at Doninahalli Village,Tavareker-3 Hobli,Bangalore District, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Chikkanahalli Grama panchayath measuring East to West: 12.19 Meters & North to South: 9.14 Meters, in all measuring 111 Sq.Meters **and bounded on the:- East By:** Road; **West By:** Private Property; **North By:** Site No.63; **South By:** Site No.65.			
4	30198650011050	**(1) M/s. GOURI TEXTILES,** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. A.S.Gowri Shankar, 2) Mr. A.S.Gowri Shankar, 3) Mr. Santhosh Kumar**	**20.02.2020 Rs. 8,89,578/- as on 07.02.2020**	**29.05.2020, 12.28 p.m Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and Parcel of Immovable property bearing House No.146 (Old No.539), Katha No.896, Sy.No.107, situated at Weavers Colony, Gottigere, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore presently within the limits of BBMPftin admeasuring East to west 30ft and North to South 20ft **and bounded on: East By:** Road, **West By:** Site No.552, **North By:** Site No.538, **South By:** Site No.540.			
5	30198650008665	**(1) M/S. Sri Balaji Silks** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. R.Nagaraj , 2) Mr. R Nagaraj, 3) Mrs. M.N.Manjula**	**10.07.2019 Rs. 18,72,808/- as on 08.07.2019**	**29.05.2020, 3.31 p.m Physical Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: Item No.1: All that piece and Parcel of Residential Immovable property bearing Site No.11, 12, & 13, Old Katha No. 191/1,192,193, 194/1, 194/2, New Katha No.208/1, 2, 3, 4, Yelchaguppe Village, Tavarekere Grama Panchayath, Tavareker Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: Towards North: 54.5 ft; East to West: Towards South: 63ft and North to South: 131ft, in all measuring 7696.25 Sq.ft and **and bounded on the:- East By:** Road; **West By:** Site No.16,15 & 14; **North By:** Site No.10; **South By:** Private Property. **Item No.2:** All that piece and Parcel of Residential Immovable property bearing Site No.14, 15, & 16, Old Katha No. 191/1,192,193, 194/1, 194/2, New Katha No.208/1,2,3,4, Yelchaguppe Village, Tavarekere Grama Panchayath, Tavareker Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East To West: Towards North: 54.5ft; East To West: Towards South: 63ft and North To South: Towards East : 131ft; North To South: Towards West: 121ft, in all measuring 7402.25 Sq.ft and **and bounded on the:- East By:** Site Nos, 11,12,13; **West By:** Road; **North By:** Site No.17; **South By:** Private Property.			
6	30198850006574	**(1) M/s. R S Enterprises,** Represented by its Proprietor **Mrs. Shasikala N, 2) Mrs. Shasikala N, 3) Mr. Nagaraju N**	**10.07.2019 Rs.7,88,840/- as on 08.07.2019**	**29.05.2020, 4.00 p.m Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: . All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Site No.5 situated at Khata No.356, Srigandadakavalu, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore, measuring East to West 15 Ft, North to South 38 Ft, in all measuring 570 Sq.ft **and bounded on the East By:** Site No.4, **West By:** Property No.5; **North By:** Hanumanthaiah property; **South By:** Road.			
7	30198858950662	**(1) M/S.Sri Shivashakthi Engineering Work** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Vinod Kumar E, 2) Mr. Vinod Kumar E, & 3) Mrs. Sheela Devi E**	**06.01.2020 Rs. 4,38,560/- as on 06.12.2019**	**28.05.2020, 3.30p.m Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and Parcel of Residential Immovable property bearing No.1, Kartha No.12, Jaraganahalli Grama, Bommanahalli Nagarasabhe Kengeri Division, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 15ft & North to South; 60ft in all measuring 900 Sq.ft **and bounded on the:- East By:** Property belonging to Sri Munivemanna; **West By:** Property belonging to Sri. Venkatesh; **North By:** Property of Sri. Chinnaswamy; **South By:** Property of Radhakrishna.			
8	30198640000983	**(1) M/s. D.R.Printers** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Robert D, 2) Mr. Robert D & 3) Mrs. Channamma Kanika Mary**	**07.01.2020 Rs. 25,28,917/- as on 06.12.2019**	**28.05.2020, 3.35p.m Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and Parcel of Residential Immovable property bearing No.1, Kartha No.12, Jaraganahalli Grama, Bommanahalli Nagarasabhe Kengeri Division, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 15 ft & North to South; 60ft in all measuring 900Sq.ft **and bounded on the:- East By:** Property belonging to Sri Munivemanna; **West By:** Property belonging to Sri. Venkatesh; **North By:** Property of Sri. Chinnaswamy; **South By:** Property of Radhakrishna.			
9	30198640001374	**(1) M/s. Sri Balaji Gift Centre,** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Bhawar Lal Patel, 2) Mr. Bhawar Lal Patel & 3) Mr. Keli Devi**	**20.02.2020 Rs. 41,10,348/- as on 07.02.2020**	**28.05.2020, 12.30p.m Physical Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and Parcel of Residential Immovable property bearing Site No.30(Northern Portion) Vaderahalli Village Panchayath bearing village Panchayat Old Katha No.25/1, New No.1005, situated at Vaderahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 40 ft or 12.19 mts & North to South 25+22.5/2ft or 7.62+6.85/2 mts in all measuring 950 sq.ft or 88.19 sq.mts **and bounded by: East By:** Site No.29, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Site No.31, **South By:** Remaining portion of Property.			
10	30198645772407	**(1) M/s. SRI MUNESHWARA ENTERPRISES FLOWER DECORATION AND VEGETABLE SHOP,** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Rakesh Singh, 2) Mr. Rakesh Singh & 3) Mr. Ravindar Singh**	**20.02.2020 Rs.33,38,295/- as on 07.02.2020**	**27.05.2020, 11.03 a.m Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and Parcel of property bearing No.28, Katha No.87 situated at Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West North Side 72ft south Side 79ft and North to South-East Side 86.0ft and West Side-47.0ft in all total measuring 5020.75 Sq.ft **and bounded on the:- East By:** Gramathana Road, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Private Property.			

Whereas the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 02.06.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

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ಕ್ರ.ಸಂಃಕೃಉಮಾಸ(ಅ)/ಅಥಿಕೆ/ವಾಕ್ರಿಯೋ/ಟೆಪ್ರ/129/2020–21, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02/06/2020

–: ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :–

ಅಥಣಿ ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಸನ್ 2019–20 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರೀಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥಣಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಉಪ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣಗಳ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000 ರಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿನ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 22 ಶಾಸನ 2016 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29/06/2017 ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಆರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಹೆಚ್.ಪಿ.ಸರ್ವಿಸ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರಲ್ಲಿ **USER ID & PASSWARD** ಪಡೆದ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಸರು ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಸಿವಿಲ್/ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಅ. ನಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಹಣ.	ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರ್ಮ ಫೀ ವ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ	ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿ ಮುಗಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅವಧಿ	ಗುತ್ತಿದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ
1	2019–20 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸ ಜಾನುವಾರು ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೀದಿ ದೀಪ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಕುರಿತು.	1430228.00	36000–00	ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳಂತೆ. KW-1	45 ದಿನಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)	ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಸರು ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ 1 ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ವಿದ್ಯುತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು.
2	2019–20 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರೀಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ (ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್ 1) (1)ಕೃಉಮಾಸ ಅಥಣಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿನ ಗಟಾರುಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಮಾಡಿ ಸುಧಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ತಗ್ಗು ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮುರ್ರಂ ತುಂಬಿ ಸಮತಟ್ಟ ಮಾಡುವುದು. (2)ಅಥಣಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದ 02 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ದ್ವಾರಗಳಿಗೆ ಗೇಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸುವುದು. (3) ಕೃಉಮಾಸ ಅಥಣಿ ಉಪ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಕಾಗವಾಡ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 03,04, ಮತ್ತು 05 ರಲ್ಲಿ 14 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಳಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವುದು.	9330529.00	187000.00	ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳಂತೆ. KW-3	4 ತಿಂಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)	ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಸರು ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ 1 ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು.

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವೇಳಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿ

1) ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20–06–2020 ಸಂಜೆ 04.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
2) ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–06–2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
3) ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆರ್ಹರಾದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25–06–2020 ಸಂಜೆ 04.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ ಸೆಂಟ್ರಲ್ ಪೋಲಿಂಗ್ ಅಕೌಂಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಯಾವುದಾದರೊಂದು ಮಾದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ, ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಯೂಸರ್ ಐ.ಡಿ. ಪಾಸ್‌ವರ್ಡ (**User ID, Password**) ಪಡೆಯಲು ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ 080–22485867 ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಅಥಣಿ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ 08289–251154 ಇವರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಸಮಿತಿಯು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– (ಬಿ ಎಸ್ ಭಾವಿಹಾಳ)
ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,
ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಅಥಣಿ

ಸಹಿ/– (ರವೀಂದ್ರ ದತ್ತು ಪೂಜಾರಿ)
ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು,
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR INTERIOR WORKS OF NEW OFFICE PREMISES OF CANBANK VENTURE CAPITAL FUND LTD.

CANBANK VENTURE CAPITAL FUND LTD., a wholly owned subsidiary of Canara Bank, proposes to engage the services of a reputed Architectural Consultant having valid registration with Indian Council of Architecture for interior works comprising interior furnishing, electrical, LAN, telephone, air-conditioning, fire alarm, & CCTV works of its proposed new office premises at M.G. Road, Bengaluru. Tender form can be downloaded from Canbank Venture Capital Fund's website: **www.canbank.vc**

Last date for submission of application is **16.06.2020 up to 4.00 p.m.**

Further communication, corrigendum and amendments if any, will be hosted in the company's website only.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 03.06.2020

Sd/-
Managing Director

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC Malleshwaram (41161) No.97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020 Ph: 080 25943732, 25943720.Fax: 080 25943729/3730
Email Id: racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

Under Rule 8(1) **POSSESSION NOTICE** (For immovable property)

Whereas **A/c No: 62059829381, 62086309813**

The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 05.09.2019 and calling upon the Borrowers **1) Dr. D T Venkatesh** S/o Sri. D. M. Thimmarayappa **2) Dr. Nalini. C** W/o Dr. D T Venkatesh residing at No.18, 3rd Cross, Anubhavanagar, Nagarabhavi Road, Bangalore-560072 And also at: No.199/A, S.F.S. 4th Phase, K.H.B. Yelahanka Satillite Town, Bangalore-560064 and also to **Dr. D T Venkatesh** 1)Professor and HOD Dept. of Microbiology HIMS, Sri Chamarajendra Hospital Compus, Hassan-573201 and also at No.5634, Upstair, Kuvempu Road, Vidya Nagar, Hassan-573201 Dr. Nalini. C Sri Kalabyraveshwaraswamy Ayurvedic Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre; No.10, Pipeline Road, R.P.C. Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560040 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.43,12,742/-** (Rupees Forty three lakh twelve thousand seven hundred and forty two only) as on **04.09.2019** + interest from **05.09.2019** + incidental charges within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice..

The borrower /guarantors/ mortgager having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **01.06.2020**

The borrower/guarantors/ mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.41,22,741/-** (Rupees Forty one lakhs twenty two thousand seven hundred and forty one only) as on **26.05.2020** and interest from **27.05.2020** plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section13 (8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No.199/A, 407 SFS, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New town, Bangalore-560064 measuring East to West: 17.10 Meters, North to South: (3.40+15.30)/2 Meters total area159.885 Square Meters with building thereon held in the name of Dr. D T Venkatesh and Bounded by: East by: Road, West by: House No-202/A & 202/B, North by: House No.199 and South by: Storm Water Drain.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 01.06.2020

Authorized Officer and Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
RACPC Malleswaram, Bengaluru

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

Rajajinagar 2nd Stage Branch, J-652, 1st Floor, Near Navaranga Theater, Dr. Raj Kumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, Phone no. 080-23320324,23329494 Mobile Num-ber :9449860392 e-mail br.0436@syndicatebank.co.in

ANNEXURE - 13
(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s in particular that the under mentioned property mortgaged to **Canara Bank**, **(Earlier Syndicate Bank),** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank under S.13(4) of the Act will be sold by E-Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and further interest, charges and costs etc as detailed below.

The property described below is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS, WHAT IS THERE IS AND WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE BASIS"** under rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) for the recovery of the dues detailed as under:

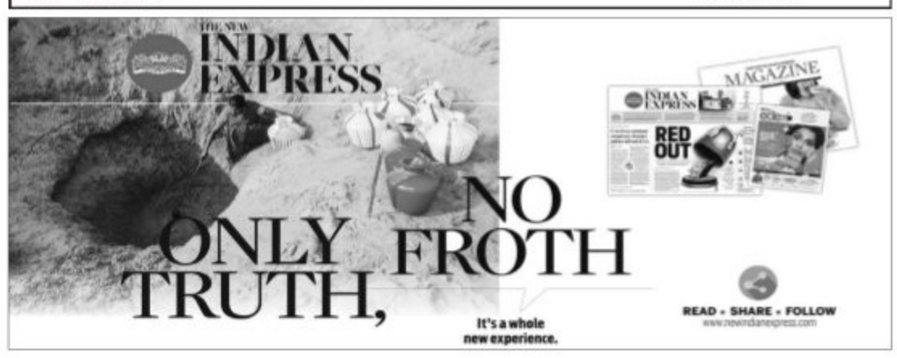
(1) Name and address of Borrower: 1.Sri Ganesh Gopalan at No 6, Sathya Krupa, 3rd Block, Gurumurthy Reddy Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016.
The total amount due: Rs.58,01,784.27/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four and Paisa Twenty Seven only), due up to **30.06.2020** with further interest and other incidental expenses/costs from **30.06.2020.**
Description of the Immovable property: All that piece and parcel of residential Flat No. Type A, Ground Floor of the building Apartment called "RANCHOS" with super built area of 1800 Sq ft and 745 Sq ft of undivided share, property bearing Site.No.75, Khata No.106/75 at N S Info- City formed in converted land bearing survey No.58/3 (Old No.58) of Arehalli Guddadahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural District. Measuring East to West (68+60)/2 ft and North to South (88+52)/2 ft in total 4480 Sq ft. Bounded By: East by: Layout Road West by: Plot No.68 North by: Plot No.44 South by: Layout Road

Date and Time of E Auction	On 30.06.2020 between 10 a.m to 12.p.m
Reserve price of property	Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs only).
E-Auction Website address	https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand only)
Last date for Submission of bids	26.06.2020 Up To 5.00 pm
Date of inspection of property	10.06.2020 Up To 5.00 pm
Minimum Bid increment amount	Rs.20,000/-
Contact details & website address of Service Provider (Name/telephone No./ e-mail ID/address	http://www.bankeauctionwizard.com, URL: www.antaressystems.com email: manohar.s@antaressystems.com, Mob: 9686196756

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1) The EMD shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank (Earlier Syndicate Bank), Rajajinagar 2nd Stage Branch, J-652, 1st Floor, Near Navaranga Theater, Dr.Raj Kumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, Phone no. 080-23320324,23329494 Mobile Number : 9449860392, e-mail br.0436@syndicatebank.co.in, A/c No 4363130000028, IFSC Code: SYNB0000436,** before submitting bids online. EMD can also be paid by way of Pay Order / Demand Draft in favour of **Canara Bank, (Earlier Syndicate Bank),** payable at Bengaluru.
2. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in bid form (format available in the above website) along with the DD/PO quoting the **UTR No. of NEFT/RTGS** remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank (Earlier Syndicate Bank), Rajajinagar 2nd Stage Branch, so as to reach the same on or before 26.06.2020. Sri Ganesh Gopalan**
3. Bidders are advised to visit the Bank's website **www.canarabank.com** for detailed e-auction notice where in all the terms and conditions of e-auction sale are furnished. Bidders may also visit the website of service provider or contact them as per the details given above for any clarifications/queries.
4. Intending bidders shall hold a valid Digital Signature Certificate, active email address and PAN number.
5. The undersigned has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or postpone/cancel the sale or modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason.
6. The sale shall be subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act, Rules and the conditions prescribed in the detailed terms and conditions published in the website.
7. For further details contact the **Authorized Officer, Canara Bank (Earlier Syndicate Bank), Rajajinagar 2nd Stage Branch, J-652,1st Floor, Near Navaranga Theater, Dr.Raj Kumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, Phone no. 080-23320324,23329494 Mobile Number : 9449860392, e-mail br.0436@syndicatebank.co.in (Address and no of AO).**
Please treat this also as a notice under rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s/ mortgagor/s of the secured debt mentioned above regarding holding the said sale on the above mentioned date and time if their outstanding dues mentioned above are not paid in full.
The interested bidders are requested to visit the Bank's Website for detailed terms and conditions of the auction sale which may be read as part and parcel of this advertisement.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 02.06.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank



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15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore Ph.No.080-43003651

TENDER CUM AUCTION NOTICE (Annexure)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of L.I.C. Housing Finance Ltd, under the Securitisation on and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (Act 54/2002), 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec on 13(2) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice Dt. **01/10/2018** calling upon the borrower **Ms POOJA K / LATE ASHWIN N C** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 45,67,683.30 /-** with interest at contractual rate and all other dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower has failed again to repay the dues I, as an Authorized Officer obtained the estimated value of the schedule property in exercise of powers conferred under Rule 8 (5) of the Rules, and propose to sell the scheduled property by way of sealed tenders under Rule 8 (5) (b) of the rules in as is where is condition on **18.06.2020.**
Public Notice calling for bidders/ Tenderers to purchase the Schedule Property is published in "THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS AND KANNADA PRABHA" on **03.06.2020.**

Applicant Name, Loan No. , Schedule	Reserve Price
Applicant Name:- Ms POOJA K **Co-App Name :-LATE ASHWIN N C** **Loan No.:- 410700003700** **Schedule:-** All that piece and parcel of apartment bearing flat No. C-15 , present E katha property Sl. No. 150200400501120826 in block B in the second floor measuring about 1375 SQ FT super built up area containing three bed rooms together with RCC roofing , vitrified flooring together with one covered car parking space , including proportionate share in common areas such as passages , lobbies, staircases, etc., in the multi storied residential building complex known as "Jana Jeeva Orchid along with 516 sq. feet of undivided right, title and interest . The said flat is bounded on east by : open area, west by : flat no C-14, North by : flat no C-12 and south by : Open area. This apartment is built over the property being present E Katha No. 150200400501120585 , converted land bearing sy no 54, (converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose vide conversion certificate bearing No. ALN(E) (B) SR :113/2009-10 dated 06/04/2010 issued by the special deputy commissioner , Bangalore district Bangalore), situated at Halehalli Village , Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East taluk measuring about 1 ACRE 36 GUNTAS , with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on : east by: Land in sy no.55;west by : remaining portion in sy no 54, north by : water channel south by : road formed in land in Sy No 24.	**Reserve Price:- Rs. 45,00,000/-** **EMD:- Rs. 4,50,000/-**

Place of Auction: L.I.C HOUSING FINANCE LTD. 15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore.
Date & time of Auction: **18.06.2020,**
Opening of Sealed Tender/Auction: **10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M**
Last date for receipt of Tender Forms: **17.06.2020, 5.00 P.M**
Inspection of Property & documents: **With prior appointment only**

Tender Conditions

1. The Sale would be on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" condition.
2. The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price & bid should not be below the Reserve Price
3. The interested parties shall submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) which is 10% of Reserve Price of the property on or before **5.00 PM on 17.06.2020** by way of DD / Pay Order / Banker's Cheque in favour of **L.I.C HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED, Payable at Bangalore,** along with properly filled tender forms stating the L.A.NO. of the auctioned property. The tender sale/auction would be subject to terms and conditions of Tender affixed at auction place. Only the participant will be allowed inside the auction hall. If the bid amount is less than the Reserve Price, the participant will not be eligible to participate in the auction.
4. The sealed tender / auction will be conducted as per rules of SARFAESI Act, 2002. The successful bidder shall pay 25% of the bid amount (Including EMD) immediately on the auction date and the balance shall be paid within 15(Fifteen) days thereafter.
5. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of Sealed Tender / Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount.
6. The successful tender shall bear all the legal/incidental expense like stamp duty, registration fee taxes statutory dues (if any) etc., and other dues related to respective property as applicable.
7. The tender forms will be available with the Authorized officer, between **2.00 PM to 5.00 PM from 08.06.2020** onwards.
8. The Authorized officer reserves the right to reject any or all the offers/tenders without assigning any reason or shall have the right to postpone or cancel the Auction. The Authorized Officer also reserves rights to modify any terms and conditions of the advertisement/ sale at his discretion without any prior notice.
9. The Authorized officer or LIC Housing Finance Ltd., shall not be responsible for any charge lien, encumbrances, property tax or any other dues to the Govt. Or anyone else in respect to the properties auctioned.
10. The property/ies is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS"** condition. The bidders should make their own enquiries with regard to any statutory liabilities / taxes/ dues etc and any other property related details from appropriate authorities in respect of the above mentioned property/ies by themselves before submitting tender/participating in the auction.
11. Persons who are interested to participate in the auction should bring (copy of photo ID – PAN card / Passport / Ration card / Driving License and Copy of address Proof – Ration card / latest Telephone bill / latest Gas connection bill / latest Electricity bill.
12. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) refunds will be given only after the auction of all the properties are completed.
13. The L.I.C Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the TENDER SALE / AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice.

Date: 02.06.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
LIC Housing Finance Ltd
Recovery Department Bangalore

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-18473/20-21/1789-91 Date: 01.06.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bid against **Enquity No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/ BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/T-4/EPR-01 and EPR-02** respectively for the following works:

1) For the work of Dismantling, transportation (To & fro) repair of sick transformer, testing, assembling, erection and commissioning of repaired good transformer rating 31.5MVA, 66/11KV T&R make Sl. No. PCO300199, YoM: 2013 failed at 220/66/11 KV Hoody R/s on **Total Turnkey basis** on **percentage basis.**

2) For the work of Dismantling, transportation (To & fro) repair of sick transformer, testing, assembling, erection and commissioning of repaired good transformer rating 20MVA, 66/11KV SPEC make Sl. No. ST-37787, YoM: 2008 failed at 66/11 KV Brigade Metropolis **Total Turnkey basis** on **percentage basis.**

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink e-procurement-KPTCL or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **03.06.2020.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer, Elecl, Tr (Maintenance), BMAZ (South), KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A. R. Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009. Ph/Fax: 080-22386686-8.**

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D Division, Bangalore Rural, Anandrao Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009. Ph: 080-25501216/17.

Corrigendum to Tender Notification

Ref No.: No.EE/PRED/Consultancy Service/ TEND/01/JE-2/2020-21. Date: 27.05.2020

The above Advt appeared in **Indian Express on 31.05.2020**. The Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals to read as **25.06.2020, 16:00 hours** instead of 25.05.2020, 16:00 hours.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer
P.R.E.D Division, Bangalore Rural.

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TIRUPUR (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

T.N. No. 03 /2020-21/HDO, dated 28.05.2020.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received **upto 07.07.2020 - 15.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirupur Circle** for **CRIDP 2020-21 & NON PLAN 2020-21 Works, (Package No. 38 to 63)** pertaining **Tirupur (H) C&M Division**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 05.06.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/2036/TENDER/2020

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), C&M CIRCLE, TIRUPUR

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

COIMBATORE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.05/2020-21/HDO/Dt.30.05.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu**, Percentage tender through online only** will be received **up to 08.07.2020, 15.00 hours by the** Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for **CRIDP 2020-21 Works, (Package No.47 to 67)** pertaining **Coimbatore (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **05.06.2020.** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/2035/TENDER/2020

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), C&M CIRCLE, COIMBATORE-18

Avoid Plastics Save Rain Water Create Rain Water Harvesting Structure

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) Notice No.47/2020-2021

The Managing Director, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation will receive tenders from the interested Registered Firms / Companies /Agencies for DBOT and O&M for 3 years with SITC (Supplying Installing Testing and Commission) for sound and Light show at Teppakulam in Tiruchirappalli City Corporation in Srirangam Zone, valuing at the cost of **Rs.8.80 Crore**, to be executed under the Tiruchirappalli Smart City Mission.

Tender documents, containing terms and conditions, can be obtained on payment of Rs.50,000/- (Non-refundable) from **05.06.2020** upto **3.00**.p.m. on **06.07.2020** and may also be downloaded from website **https://tntenders.gov.in & https://trichycorporation.gov.in** at free of cost. The duly filled-in and wax sealed tender documents shall be submitted through online and offline method on or before **03.00**.p.m on **07.07.2020** and the received tenders will be opened at **04.00**.p.m on the same day. For EMD and other details, please refer the terms and conditions. If the tender date happens to be Holiday due to unexpected situation, tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue.

Pre Bid Meeting in this regard will be conducted at **11.00** a.m of **18.06.2020** Additional information may be obtained from the Engineering section of Tiruchirappalli City Corporation during working days between working hours.

E1/4157/2020(Main)
Visit us @ www.trichycorporation.gov.in DIPR/ 2045 /TENDER/2020

Special Officer and Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur – 591302

SHORT TERM: PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

The tender invited under this office Notification No: This Office Tender Notification No:

1)EE/KNNL/KPD/BGM//TND/Rental Car/2020-21/114Date: 13.05.2020, 2)EE/KNNL/KPD/BGM//TND/Rental Car/CALL-2/2020-21/162 Date: 01.06.2020

1.Percentage rate tender is invited from eligible Travel agencies/ individual owners of the vehicle are expected to apply through e-procurement portal according to standard tender document rules in prescribed form on behalf of Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Bangalore. Details and Tender documents may be downloaded through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/ eportal/index.seam and filled bids may be submitted through e-portal un-till 12.06.2020 till 16.00 hrs for the following works.

SL No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (In Lakhs)
1	Providing Private Vehicle on rental basis to Assistant Executive Engineer, KNNL, MRBCC Sub Division No-13, Belagavi. (One Vehicle) for the year 2020-21/CALL-2	2.25

2.Name of the Division for Contact: Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur – 591302 (Ph. No. 08336 – 222163). 3.For further details such as, EMD amount, time limit, cost of tender form, eligibility for work, terms and conditions of tender visit our website www.knnlindia.com or contact the EE, KPD, Khanapur during office hours on any working day. 4.Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling / rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.5.Further information can be had from the under signed during the office hours on telephone 08336-222163 and HP company helpline (080)25501216.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿ ಫಬಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 2, ಹಿಡಕಲ್‌ಡ್ಯಾಂ
ಕಚೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ: 08333-263242 / ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ ಸಂ: 08333-263405 / ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: eegrbc2@gmail.com

ಸಂ: ಕನೀನಿ/ಜಿಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿಸಿ-2/ಡಿಬಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2019-20/222 ದಿನಾಂಕ:27-05-2020

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಜಿಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 2 ಹಿಡಕಲ್ ಡ್ಯಾಂ, ತಾ: ಹುಕ್ಕೇರಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಇವರು ಆಧಾರದ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಾಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ರೂಲ್ 28ರನ್ವಯ Two Cover System (ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟಿ) ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ತಮ್ಮ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದವರೆಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿವೆ.

Number of works	3 No's
Estimated Cost Put to Tender	Rs. 89.26 Lakhs
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 0.89 Lakhs
Last Date for tender queries/Clarifications	05/06/2020 Up to 17:00 Hrs
Pre bid meeting at EE office	08/06/2020 Up to 11.30 Hrs
Last Date for Receipt of Tenders / Bids through e-portal	16-06-2020 Up to 17:30 Hrs
Date of Opening of Technical Bid	18-06-2020 at 11:00 Hrs Onwards
Date of Opening of Financial Bid	20/06/2020 at 11:00 Hrs Onwards

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ / ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ನಿಯಮಗಳು / ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಮೇಲೆ ತೋರಿಸಿದ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರು,ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಜಿಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 2 ಹಿಡಕಲ್ ಡ್ಯಾಂ

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.05/2020-21/HDO/ Dated:29.05.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received **upto 09.07.2020 - 12.00 Noon** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle for works under **CRIDP Scheme 2020-21 (Package No.54 to 88)** pertaining to **Vellore and Vaniyambadi Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details will be available **from 08.06.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/ Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/2037/TENDER/2020

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), C&M, CHENNAI CIRCLE

SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Roc. No. SSCL /1400 /2020 **CORRIGENDUM** Date : 02.06.2020

The Corrigendum is issued in the Tender Notice on **01.05.2020** already published in the Newspaper " One Tamil News Papers (Tamilnadu) and one of English News Paper (All India)

CORRIGENDUM
Extension of Tender Date

I	1.	Rejuvenation and Redevelopment of Kumaragiri Lake under Smart City Mission **Estimate Cost Rs. 1018.00 Lakhs.**
	2.	Formation of Diversion Channel to avoid mixing of sewage water in Kumaragiri Lake **Estimate Cost Rs. 1485.00 Lakhs.**
	3.	Rejuvenation and Redevelopment of Pallapatty Lake under Smart City Mission **Estimate Cost Rs. 1280.00 Lakhs.**
	4.	Formation of Diversion Channel to avoid mixing of sewage water in Pallapatty Lake **Estimate Cost Rs. 1250.00 Lakhs.**
II		Bid document and other information available at **www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in** Tender document can be downloaded from the above website.
III		**Date, Time and Venue for Re-Tender Procedures.** Document Downloading - **23.06.2020 upto 1.00 P.M** Submission of bids - **24.06.2020 upto 3.00 P.M** Opening of bids - **24.06.2020 at 3.30 P.M** Any classification obtained in the Office of Salem City Municipal Corporation, Fort, Salem, during office hours.

DIPR/2046/TENDER/2020

Commissioner, Salem Corporation

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B)

NIRMAN SOUDHA BHUBANESWAR
E-mail seec.bbsr2010@gmail.com

Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 1/2020-21.
No. 806/Date 26.5.2020/

B-52: The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for Lift, Sound, Video Projection and Stage lighting System & A/C works to be received in online bidding, double cover system as detailed in:**https://tendersorissa.gov.in.** The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from 5.00 P.M. of **03.06.2020 to 5:00 P.M. of 18.06.2020**. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened at **11:30 A.M. of 19.06.2020** in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**.
Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer
Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, BBSR
OIPR-34006/11/0001/2021

The Andhra Pradesh government on Tuesday decided to clear the dues for housing schemes. Reviewing housing schemes with senior officials, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy directed them to clear the dues of ₹1,323 crore for 3,38,144 houses

BLINDED BY GREED

Man offers 13-year-old daughter as sacrifice

SOWMYA MANI @ Pudukkottai

IN a shocking incident, a construction labourer was arrested for killing his 13-year-old daughter and making the murder seem like a case of sexual assault. He confessed to killing the girl, born to his first wife, as per the advice of a black magician to end his financial crisis.

The accused are the girl's father Panneerselvam (41), his second wife Mookayi, and their relative Kumar in the Nodiyur village of Pudukkottai. On May 30, Mookayi was also found dead under suspicious circumstances. The postmortem report is awaited.

Panneerselvam has four children from his first wife Indira and two from Mookayi. When he consulted a black magician, Vasanthi, about his financial problems, she advised him to 'sacrifice' one of the daughters born to his first wife. The trio then plotted the murder.

On May 18, the girl went to fetch water and did not return for a long time. Later, her mother found the girl lying unconscious in an eucalyptus grove. She was rushed to the hospital, where she later died.

While police initially suspected a sexual assault — as the girl's pants were missing — postmortem report ruled that out. "The trio had conducted a ritual at the grove on the day before the murder — just about 300 metres away from the spot. The child was strangled with a towel. After she fell unconscious, the towel and the ritual items were buried near the spot," said Pudukkottai SP Arun Sakthikumar.

Kumar and Mookayi removed the girl's pants to make it appear like a sexual crime. The police cracked the case after Kumar surrendered on June 1. The trio has been booked under the POCSO Act, and under Section 302 for murder among various other charges.

Cyclone Nisarga makes landfall in U-K, coastal districts on high alert

All fishing activities suspended; Karnataka govt alerts disaster management cell

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WITH Cyclone Nisarga hitting the Uttara Kannada coast on Tuesday, the towns of Karwar, Ankola, Kumta and Honnavar received heavy rainfall. Gusty winds tore through the coastal towns, as the sea too turned violent with rough waves smashing the shore.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an alert, predicting thundershowers and heavy rainfall over north interior Karnataka, coastal Dakshina Kannada and Udupi over the next three days.

> Cyclone Nisarga is helping in the quick advancement of the southwest monsoon to Karnataka
>
> CS Patil, director in-charge, IMD, Bengaluru

The alert was issued with the advancement of Nisarga from east-central Arabian Sea to north Maharashtra, and adjoining south Gujarat coast. "Though it does not cover Karnataka, the range of cyclonic winds is very big and reaches north interior Karnataka also. So an alert has been called out," CS Patil, director in-charge, IMD, Bengaluru, told *TNIE*. The weather department has forecast a severe cyclonic storm and then a depression.

Patil said formation of systems is a common factor before the onset of the monsoon and they help in its advancement. "Cyclone Nisarga is helping in the quick advancement of the southwest monsoon to Karnataka, and the monsoon is likely to arrive before the scheduled date as conditions are favourable. Due to the cyclone and pre-monsoon showers, coastal Karnataka has been experiencing good rainfall," he added.

Fishermen were advised not to venture into the sea. "We are not taking our boats into the sea now. We have been warned by local officials," Chetan Harikantha, a local fisherman, told *TNIE*.

Beaches in the district, too, wore a deserted look as people stayed indoors. Farmers who had started pre-monsoon activities were happy with the rainfall.

The Centre has issued an alert to all states to take stock and ensure that no untoward incidents occur. The state government has also alerted the disaster management cell.

The NDRF team reaches Kodagu on Tuesday and will stay in the district till the end of this monsoon season | EXPRESS

NDRF team reaches Kodagu district

Madikeri: A National Disaster Response Team of 25 people reached Kodagu district on Tuesday and will be in Madikeri during monsoon. The team is likely to stay in the district till August-end. The team members are from the 10th Battalion of the NDRF and arrived from Andhra Pradesh. The team is headed by Commanding Officer R K Upadhyaya. The team has been sent to the district following a request from Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies K Joy. The NDRF team is likely to conduct mock rescue operations. Following the 2018 floods in Kodagu, the district administration is taking all precautionary steps. The NDRF and the Karnataka Civil Defence Quick Response Team have actively involved themselves in rescue operations during monsoon across Kodagu district since 2018. ENS

Greens: Watchtower may hit bustard population

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WITH the State forest department constructing watchtowers in Siruguppa taluk in Ballari, conservationists worry that it could impact the already thin population of the Great Indian Bustard, a highly endangered species.

The watchtowers are being constructed to keep a watch on the habitat and wildlife, and control poaching. But conservationists say that any construction here will only affect the threatened species.

"Cases of poaching and hunting have increased. Two months ago, people from Andhra Pradesh were found hunting a black buck, and hare and fox hunters were also found. Since the forest patch is surrounded by private and government lands, it was decided to construct watchtowers and station staffers round the clock," Ballari Deputy Conservator of Forests Ramesh Kumar C said.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ajai Misra told *The New Indian Express* that so far, little attention was being paid to poaching here. Watchtowers and anti-poaching camps in border areas and government lands will improve vigil as there is a need to control the situation.

Officials said that since there are no camera traps installed, vigilance was becoming a problem, and the department is working on installing them too.

However, conservationists are not convinced, and say that construction or commercial activities will only damage the natural habitat, and lead to problems. According to the latest report, there are around 12 Great Indian Bustards and the forest department is yet to start a survey with the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore.

Noted conservationist Santosh Martin said: "The forest department is constructing five watchtowers on 300 acres, and one is ready. They are being constructed without consultation or discussion, and no one knows what they are for. We are worried about the remaining wildlife here."

The area houses a healthy population of black bucks, foxes, jackals, wolves and hyenas. Small herbivores like hare are also found there.

EXPRESS READ

Girl misses online classes, kills self

Malappuram: A 14-year-old girl from Valanchery reportedly committed suicide by setting herself on fire as she did not have the facilities required to attend online classes. The deceased is Devika, a resident of Mangeri near Valanchery. A Class IX student of the Government Higher Secondary School in Irimbiliyam, the girl missed the first day of online classes on Monday as the Dalit family had no smartphone or television at home. The police, after a preliminary investigation, said the girl set herself ablaze. ENS

Why no video-call facility for Nalini: HC

Chennai: The Madras High Court on Tuesday expressed dismay over the Tamil Nadu prison authorities refusing to permit Rajiv Gandhi assassination convict Nalini to make a video call to her bereaved mother-in-law. The Court raised the question referring to the collective resolution passed by the State's legislative Assembly recommending the release of the seven convicts in the case. The public prosecutor submitted that the offence committed by the convicts "had international ramifications". ENS

1,091 TEST +VE IN TN, 86 IN KERALA

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CROSSING the 1,000-mark for the third consecutive day, Tamil Nadu recorded 1,091 positive cases on Tuesday, pushing the Statewide tally to 24,586. Chennai continued its upward spiral, with 806 fresh cases, taking the city's tally to 16,585.

The number of deaths, too, saw a spike, with 13 more people succumbing to the virus, all with co-morbid conditions. The toll now stands at 197. While 12 of the deceased were from Chennai, one was from Chengalpattu. They were all in the 50-80 age group.

Meanwhile, on a day when Kerala reported the biggest single-day spike of 86 new Covid cases, the swab samples of a priest — who died on Tuesday morning while under treatment at the Government Medical College Hospital here — tested positive, taking the coronavirus toll to 11.

The deceased, Fr K G Varghese, 77, a native of Nalanchira, was being treated for severe pneumonia. With the health authorities not being able to fix his source of infection, speculation is rife on the possibility of hospital transmission of the virus as he was under treatment at the Peroorkada District Model Hospital and the GMC, Thiruvananthapuram, from April 20. Of the new cases, 72 are returnees – 46 from abroad and 26 from other states – while 12 contracted the virus through contact.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami, chairing a review meeting with corporation officials amid the record spike in cases, said the high rate of testing has recorded such readings. "Death rate is just 0.8 per cent owing to the State's dedicated healthcare workers. If the other States test 13,000 people a day like we do, the number of cases there will also be high. In Chennai alone, 4,000 people are being tested every day."

The number of returnees from other states have also been adding to the Statewide tally. Among the 55 returnees, 40 are from Maharashtra, eight from Karnataka, three from Andhra Pradesh and two each from Kerala and Delhi.

Auto-driver Dilip Kumar dons a PPE suit while ferrying passengers to create awareness on adopting Covid safety among his colleagues | ASHWIN PRASATH

Chennai's situation remains grim

The city continued to witness a spike in Covid-19 cases on Tuesday even as the city corporation has revised its containment strategy

IN A NUTSHELL

809 Cases on Tuesday

12 Deaths

- All those who died on Tuesday were aged above 50. Five of them had diabetes while nine of them had systemic hypertension
- Royapuram remains the worst affected with 1,377 active cases while Tondiarpet has 1,101. Teynampet has 858 and Kodambakkam has 652.
- Corporation's revised containment strategy included survey of vulnerable population

QUARANTINE WITH A VIEW

The National Mobile Medical Unit for Covid-19 patients, which is a joint venture of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Kerala Government, glides through the waters of Vembanad Lake in Alappuzha | ALBIN MATHEW

TS records four deaths, count touches 92

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

TELANGANA on Tuesday recorded 99 new Covid-19 cases, 87 of which are local transmissions. Over 12 cases were from migrant workers who had arrived from other states. This takes the total number of cases to 2,891.

A major bulk of the cases are from GHMC limits, where at least five PG doctors and a health inspector tested positive. Health Minister Eatala Rajender took special cognizance of the same and has asked the Health Department to devise procedures that reduce doctors to exposure to the virus.

The day also recorded four deaths, two of which were males aged 41 and 42 with Thyroid and Cardiac issues as comorbidities, and a 70-year-old and 60-year-old female, both with known cases of Hypertension. This takes the total death toll to 92.

The medical bulletin released by the government states that people with comorbid conditions like chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hypertension, diabetes and cardiac illness, irrespective of their age, must avoid travel and stay indoors.

115 FRESH CORONA CASES IN ANDHRA

AP Case Diary

115 Fresh cases

3,791 Total number of cases (including 112 foreign returnees)

2,407 Recovered (1,903 from AP and 106 from other States category)

1,320 Active cases

64 Deceased

63.49% Recovery rate

1.69% Mortality rate

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WITH a total of 2,407 Covid-19 patients getting discharged from hospitals across the State, the number of active cases stands at 1,320.

"As of today, 69% out of total #Covid-19 patients recorded in AP have recovered and been discharged. This is more than 20% of the global recovery rate of 45%," ArogyaAndhra, the State government's official Covid-19 response handle tweeted on Tuesday.

In the last 24 hours, 40 people were discharged from hospitals in the State after their recovery. One among the 112 foreign returnees was also discharged from hospital.

Meanwhile, the Covid-19 tally in AP increased to 3,791 cases with another 115 new cases reported in the last 24 hours ending 9 am on Tuesday. No casualties were reported in the last 24 hours.

According to the media bulletin issued by the State Command Control Room on Tuesday morning, a total of 12,613 samples were tested in the last 24 hours, and 82 tested positive. Another 33 positive cases were reported among those who returned from other States. The cumulative total of new cases reported in the last 24 hours is 115.

Five positive cases were reported in Prakasam district taking its tally to 92. In East Godavari, after a couple of villages like G Mamidada and Ramachandrapuram recorded more number of cases, the total touched 272, while in Srikakulam, with the influx of migrant workers, the count shot up to 145.

Odisha govt partially modifies lockdown order

Bhubaneswar: The State Government on Tuesday made partial modification of its order on graded re-opening of areas outside Covid-19 containment zone. A notification issued by office of Special Relief Commissioner said schools, colleges, other educational, training and coaching institutions will remain closed up to July 31. "However, conduct of examinations will be permitted," it added. In its earlier order, the State Government had advised persons above 65 years, persons with comorbidities, pregnant women and children below 10 years against outdoor movement except for health and essential purposes till August 31. However, the date has now been revised to June 30. ENS

Five more PG doctors of OMC test positive

Hyderabad: Panic prevailed at Osmania Medical College on Tuesday as five more PG doctors tested positive for Covid-19. The total tally in the medical college now stands at 12. The test results of nearly 58 PG students came negative on Tuesday, whereas reports of 116 students are still awaited, said senior officials. "Nearly 280 students in the hospital will be tested and the process is under way. So far, around 58 students have tested negative; further reports are awaited," said Dr Shashikala, Principal of Osmania Medical College. ENS

Tirupati likely to open after June 11

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NEARLY 75 days after closing the Srivari temple for darshan to devotees in view of the Covid-19 outbreak, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is all set to allow darshan of Lord Vewnkateswara to devotees after June 11. The TTD, which was ready to provide darshan of Lord Venkateswara to the devotees, got the nod from the state government to conduct trial run with TTD employees following social distancing norms before resuming darshans to other devotees.

With the Centre relaxing lockdown norms, the TTD made certain modifications in its queue lines and also decided to limit the number of devotees allowed in per day.

"We will conduct trial run on June 8 and 9 and if necessary on June 11," TTD Trust Board member YV Subba Reddy said.

Ordinance to help TN farmers earn more profit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE State government on Tuesday promulgated an Ordinance allowing farmers to sell their produce across the State, to whoever offers a good price. Now, instead of sticking to their nearby regulated markets, farmers can sell their produce to any recognized private market.

The Ordinance, promulgated to amend the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1987, has also said that no marketing fee should be collected from the farmers.

An official release said the Ordinance allows the farmers across Tamil Nadu to sell their produce at any regulated market in the State, any recognised private market, recognised warehouse, cold storage facility or directly to recognised traders.

The Ordinance is also aimed at enhancing transparency in trade, promoting multiple channels for competitive marketing and encouraging investments in development of markets and marketing infrastructure.

The ordinance provides for the establishment of private market yards, sub-yards, collection and aggregation centres to help direct marketing. Further, the term of the Special Officers appointed to manage the affairs of the market committees which expired on May 29 has been extended by six more months or till reconstitution of the market committees, whichever is earlier.

EDITORIAL

"The world is waking up to the fact that another major disruption could arise at any moment. It makes sense to source from several suppliers with some spare capacity than just one or two who are most cost-efficient

Hossam Refaat

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— Ramnath Goenka

MESSY BORDER LOCKDOWNS OUGHT TO BE AVOIDED

On a day when the Haryana government announced that it would permit all inter-state movement from June 1 in compliance with the Centre's 'Unlock-1' guideline to allow uninterrupted movement of people and goods, the Delhi government ordered a one-week closure of its borders. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the move was aimed at preventing patients from other states from coming to the national capital to avail its medical services at the expense of the people of the city as the number of Covid-19 cases was not abating and there was a possibility of the capital falling short of hospital beds. While the move may have had a protectionist intent, it ended up inconveniencing lakhs of people who live in neighbouring cities but work in Delhi and vice versa. Gurugram, Noida and Faridabad abut Delhi and seamless travel between its people is a daily occurrence. The closure resulted in massive traffic jams in the borders, with many unable to make it to their workplaces.

This is not the first time that a state government has acted unilaterally, without seemingly thinking of the consequences of its actions. Just a day before domestic flight operations resumed on May 25, the West Bengal government said it would not allow flights as it was still dealing with the aftermath of Cyclone Amphan. Several other states either restricted the number of flights or decided to quarantine incoming flyers although Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Puri had categorically said this was not necessary. The last-minute announcements and divergent steps by the states only ended up harassing the common man, with thousands of flights being cancelled on the first day. There was similar confusion among states on Shramik trains to take migrant workers home. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar put conditions on the return of migrants from Maharashtra and Gujarat, delaying and even stalling the movement of the poor people. Given that the pandemic has disrupted lives and pushed up stress levels cutting across class, borders and communities, such thoughtless unilateralism could have been avoided. The executive should always put the interests of the governed before anything else.

RAMPING UP TESTING IN TAMIL NADU

On May 1, Tamil Nadu had 2,526 Covid-19 cases and had tested 1,20,083 people. For every 100 people tested, two were positive. A month later, the disease has grown exponentially in the state. On May 31, Tamil Nadu reported 22,333 cases, having tested 4,69,282 people. Now, for every 100 tested, nearly five were positive. While officials and ministers have assured the public that the number of cases should not cause fear—the more we test, the more we find—there are some points of concern.

First, the positivity rate has doubled, indicating that the state is not testing as widely as it should be. Second, the number of people tested per day—9,365 on May 1—peaked mid-May at around 14,000 but has since settled into the range of 10,000-12,000 per day. On May 31 it was 12,049. While Tamil Nadu has done the most tests in the country—ahead of Maharashtra that has the highest number of cases—the rise in tests has not matched the rise in cases. In fact, with the state opening up, a significant proportion of testing is done on travellers from outside the state at checkposts, airports and railway stations. Third, the Chennai Corporation's reluctance to test people—even direct contacts and symptomatic persons—may have also impacted containment. Chennai alone has 14,802 cases on May 31.

Although the state government's advisors have urged the government to increase testing and focus on a test, trace and isolate strategy, the advice does not appear to have been embraced wholeheartedly. The silver linings for Tamil Nadu remain the low mortality rate, which is 0.8%, and the high number of discharged patients. However, with the economy opening up, it is imperative that the state adopt its own advice, stop fearing a potential rise in numbers and start testing widely. In the absence of a vaccine or a cure, this is the only way to protect the population and save lives.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made it imperative for Indian manufacturers to rework their traditional supplier ecosystems

CORONAVIRUS AND THE SUPPLY CHAIN

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The coronavirus pandemic is forcing Indian manufacturers to re-examine their supply chain assumptions. The supply chain strategy that made the most sense in pre-Covid-19 days no longer seems particularly smart.

Whether it is a big manufacturer or a small one, the basic theory of supply chain management over the past three decades focused on two goals. The first objective was to find a supplier who offered the best combination of price, reliability and quality to the original equipment manufacturer . The second requirement was to work out the most efficient logistics so that the bare minimum raw material inventory could be maintained. An entire consulting industry grew to help manufacturers implement just-in-time inventory management. The basic idea has been to squeeze out all excess cost and inefficiency from the system.

For a vast number of manufacturers in India (and around the globe), the most reliable supplier of cheap and acceptable quality components or inputs has invariably been some company in China. From mobile phone companies to drug makers and from television manufacturers to toy sellers, too many Indian companies put the bulk of their component eggs in the Chinese basket.

The just-in-time inventory concept also meant that they held the bare minimum quantity of components and other inputs/raw materials in their premises or warehouses. While this is excellent for cash flow management—after all, idle inventory ties up a lot of cash that could be used elsewhere—it also ensured that any disruption to the supply chain would bring manufacturing to a grinding halt.

That is pretty much what started happening by the second week of March. First, the shutdown of Wuhan and the Hubei province put a spanner on all sorts of things—from APIs needed for pharmaceuticals to photoelectronic devices. It was not just the lockdown in Hubei. Beyond that, India's lockdown announcement and lockdown announcements in different countries around the world also stymied cargo movement in ports and airports, quite apart from freight clearing and movement on highways. Global freight movement got affected as loading and unloading in docks became a problem.

During the national lockdown, some Indian factories got permission to continue operating at half or lower capacities because they were classified as makers of "essential products". In general, food, hygiene and pharmaceutical companies got the nod to continue operating. However, unless the manufacturer was sourcing its inputs and components entirely from India, the factory could not resume. This was one reason many pharmaceutical manufacturers, especially the smaller ones, could not work because they depended on APIs from China. One manufacturer of high-grade medical masks (N99) stopped work despite permissions because one of its filters was sourced from China. It was not just about importing critical components—sometimes even basic inputs were being imported by some companies because of the price and reliability offered by Chinese suppliers. Finding replacements at a short notice was impossible during the lockdown.

However, the supply chain disruption has not been limited to those who source inputs from China alone. Practically every company that depends on inputs from overseas has had to deal with supply chain disruption. Beyond that, even those depending on domestic inputs from multiple states have faced problems because, during the lockdown, each state has taken a different stance on what was allowed and what was not. Maharashtra and Gujarat allowed "essential goods" companies to be started early in the lockdown. But if they depended on any component or part from Andhra Pradesh, Assam or Telangana, they faced problems because these states enforced the lockdown far more stringently.

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Consultants such as Bain & Co, McKinsey, PWC, KPMG and others have already started helping clients work on their supply chains to not only get back to full operations quickly but also build supply chain resilience for the future.

The steps include quickly working out alternate sources of supplies and building up an ecosystem of suppliers and partners who can help make up for shortfalls instead of being overly dependent on one supplier. For some big companies, it has also meant alternate manufacturing nodes. Others are contemplating the pros and cons of maintaining a slightly higher level of raw material inventory despite the costs involved.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has often talked about India becoming a big manufacturing hub that can supply the world. While that requires systematic policy changes and long-term planning, the coronavirus pandemic could help in forcing big Indian manufacturers to look at sourcing more components from within the country than they did earlier. The Indian automobile industry has successfully shown that it can depend on Indian auto component makers. There is no reason why other industries cannot look at the domestic option afresh. And if they cannot find Indian sources, most medium and large companies will now be forced to look for alternate suppliers in countries like Vietnam, Korea and Taiwan among others to de-risk their supply chains.

Companies with financial muscle may go a step further. Over the past decade, a few companies have been strategically picking up a stake in some critical component makers. This is a worldwide trend. In the future, this is likely to accelerate as companies rush to protect their manufacturing productivity from global risks.

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AYODHYA VERDICT AND THE PLACES OF WORSHIP ACT

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A patient reading of the Ayodhya judgment delivered by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court last November may lead one to reasonably conclude that its discussion on the Places of Worship Act, 1991 ("the PoW Act") was irrelevant to both the factual and legal matrices of the case.

The appeals before the Supreme Court arose from the 2010 judgment of a three-Judge Bench of the Allahabad High Court delivered in a batch of title suits over the then-disputed land in Ayodhya. The PoW Act, on the other hand, is a statute designed to "prohibit conversion of any place of worship and to provide for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on the 15th day of August, 1947…". Pertinently, Section 5 of the said Act expressly exempts the legal proceedings in relation to Shri Ramjanmabhoomi from the application of the Act. This is recognised by the Supreme Court itself in Paragraph 80 of the Ayodhya judgment.

In light of this, there was no need for the court to discuss the Act in the context of Shri Ramjanmabhoomi. And yet, the court deemed it fit to discuss the Act in over 10 pages, with the central thrust of its deliberation being "the Constitution's commitment to secularism". The stated reason for this discussion is captured in Paragraph 84 of the judgment. In the said paragraph, the court reproduced what it believed were the "observations" of Justice D V Sharma, who was part of the majority opinion delivered in the case by the Allahabad High Court. Extracted below are the "observations" of Justice Sharma that ostensibly triggered the Supreme Court's discussion on the PoW Act:

"1(c). Section 9 is very wide. In absence of any ecclesiastical Courts any religious dispute is cognisable, except in very rare cases where the declaration sought may be what constitutes religious rite. Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 does not debar those cases where declaration is sought for a period prior to the Act came into force or for enforcement of right which was recognised before coming into force of the Act."

To verify whether the above extracted portion was indeed part of Justice Sharma's "observations", this author perused his opinions in the 2010 judgment, which are available on a dedicated public portal created by the Allahabad HC for its verdict in the case. The perusal revealed that the portion reproduced by the SC as Justice Sharma's "observations" are to be found in his 1,130-page judgment in O.O.S.No.4 of 1989 titled The Sunni Central Board of Waqfs U.P., Lucknow & others Vs. Gopal Singh Visharad & others.

However, what was startling was that the said portion was not part of his "observations". In fact, it was an extract from an earlier Supreme Court judgment that Justice Sharma had relied upon and reproduced as case law on the scope of civil suits under Section 9 of the Civil Procedure Code (CPC). This is evident from Page 121 in Volume 4 of Justice Sharma's judgment, wherein he examined whether the fundamental rights of a community under Article 25 to protect and preserve the core of its faith may be enforced through civil suits under Section 9 of the CPC. He answered this question in the affirmative and held as follows:

> Can the Constitution Bench's discussion on the Places of Worship Act in the Ayodhya judgment be treated as law of the land? No, since it was neither relevant for adjudication of the title dispute in the facts of the said case, nor would its absence have made a difference to the outcome

"The fact that Ram Janambhumi is an integral part of Hindu Religion and the right to worship there is a fundamental right of the Hindu religion and can be enforced through a suit can be clearly made out through a number of decisions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court."

It is in the above context that Justice Sharma cited several judgments of the Supreme Court, one of which was Most Rev. P.M.A. Metropolitan & Others Vs. Moran Mar Marthoma & Another, delivered by the apex court in 1995. Justice Sharma specifically extracted Paragraphs 43 and 89(1)(c) of the said 1995 judgment, and it is the latter paragraph that the Constitution Bench in the Ayodhya verdict has erroneously construed as Paragraph "1(c)" of Justice Sharma's "observations".

Importantly, not only was the Constitution Bench's attribution of the said portion to Justice Sharma factually erroneous, the context attributed to the said portion too was incorrect. This is because the thrust of Justice Sharma's reliance on the 1995 judgment was in relation to the use of civil suits for enforcement of fundamental rights under Article 25. It was evidently not a discussion on the PoW Act in relation to the Shri Ramjanmabhoomi case. This being so, can the Constitution Bench's discussion on the PoW Act in the Ayodhya judgment be treated as law of the land under Article 141 of the Constitution?

Given the non-application of the PoW Act, and hence its irrelevance to the Shri Ramjanmabhoomi case, the observations of the Constitution Bench must necessarily be treated as not legally binding. This conclusion draws support from the dicta of the SC in Jagdish Lal v. State of Haryana (1997), Director of Settlements, A.P. & Ors vs M.R. Apparao & Anr (2002) and other judgments. In the said judgments, the Court held that only those of its adjudicatory observations in a given judgment, which related to issues that arose for its consideration in a given case, would have a legally binding character under Article 141.

Applying the above principle to the Constitution Bench's discussion on the PoW Act in the Ayodhya verdict, since it was neither relevant for adjudication of the title dispute in the facts of the said case, nor would its absence have made a difference to the outcome in any manner, the discussion does not acquire a legally binding character under Article 141.

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Jumbo tragedy

The news about the death of a pregnant elephant in Kerala made me cry. The elephant was fed a pineapple filled with firecrackers by hooligans. I pray that such a tragedy does not happen ever again.

V C Shameer, Puthanathani

TN man's selfless act

It is heartening that the prime minister, in his recent *Mann ki Baat* address, showered accolades on Madurai salon owner Mohan. He had spent his lifetime savings of ₹5 lakh, meant for his daughter's education, for helping the poor residents of his locality ever since the start of the lockdown. As a return gesture, the government and others may consider contributing towards the education expenses of the girl.

S Vaithianathan, Madurai

Digital divide

The unfortunate suicide of a Class 10 student in Kerala allegedly since she could not attend online classes shows the extent of digital divide within society. The authorities should take steps to help those lacking infrastructure. Else it will only lead to the widening of existing gaps between haves and have-nots.

Sreelatha Sumathy, Thiruvananthapuram

Kerala's success

Whether Kerala is ruled by the LDF or UDF, it is the same for the people, as apart from the difference in ideologies, there is no difference in the method of administration (*Kerala's successful battle against the virus*, June 1). That is why the government had the cooperation of the people, by and large, in the fight against the coronavirus.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

India has done well

It is heartening to note that smaller states like Kerala, Goa, etc. have successfully fought the pandemic. While every state has a strategy of its own, credit is also due to larger states like Karnataka for having kept Covid under check. Tamil Nadu has shown that even with increasing cases, the mortality rate can be kept under control to less than 1%. Overall, India has performed well and must stay focused in the days to come till medicines and vaccines are at hand.

H Ramamoorthy, Tirunelveli

Chaos and complexity

The is with reference to *The Covid pandemic and chaos theory* (June 2). The article clearly illustrates the complexity and non-linear nature of events occurring in the world.

Manoj Arvind, email

PMs and English books

This is with reference to *After 15 prime ministers, what?* (May 31). Literary abilities of PMs are not the yardstick to measure their greatness. Prime ministership or chief ministership has to do with leadership, statesmanship and vision. The late K Kamaraj, who could speak only Tamil, was one of the most successful CMs of the then Madras State. And he was highly respected by Nehru. That he did not write a book in English did not detract from his greatness.

Krishnakumar Kulkarni, Kalaburagi

Wait for a vaccine

The entire world is eagerly awaiting a Covid-19 vaccine. But it cannot be accomplished all of a sudden. Any compromise on safety and efficacy could endanger the lives of people.

Venu G S, Kollam

Helping migrant workers

The many problems that migrant labourers face are coming to light due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Appropriate remedial measures are needed, especially to tackle inclusiveness that is lacking in the place where they are employed. (*Problematic 'guest' workers label*, June 1). State governments should come forward to facilitate their lives in all respects.

V N Subramanyam, Bengaluru

Exploited by their employers

The editorial on 'guest' workers was interesting and thought-provoking. Migrant workers are treated as disposable and are exploited by their employers. An overall reform of labour and industrial laws to ensure that they get job security is the need of the hour.

Ramalingeswara Rao, email

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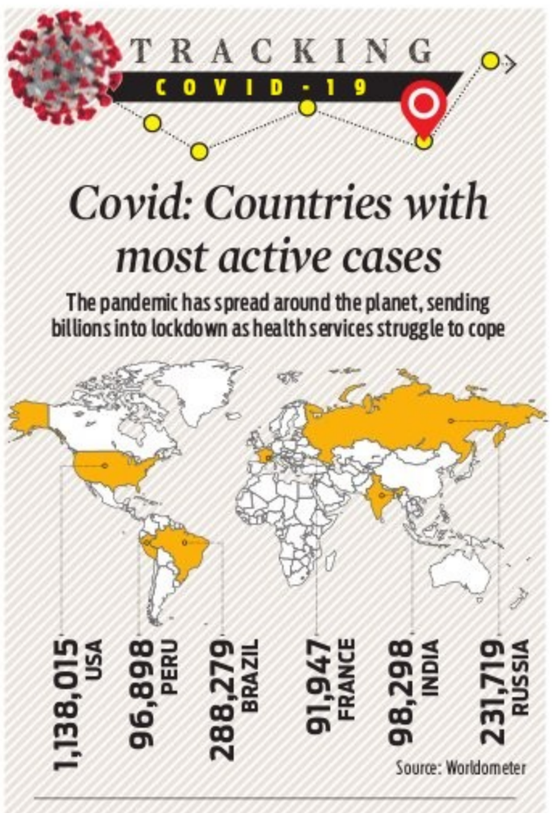
Many migrant workers, especially in the Gulf, are being forced to quit & depart in a hurry... As a result, they are not getting their unpaid wages & end-of-service benefits — Shashi Tharoor

HELPLINE SET UP

A helpline set up by the Kashmir administration has been able to provide assistance to over 7,300 non-Covid-19 patients during the lockdown

15 HOSPITALS SET UP IN WEST BENGAL



India has capability to make world class products: Irani

Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles Smriti Irani said India can make world-class products at a competitive price. Deep engagement with officials at the state and district levels has yielded positive results, she said in a conversation with ***Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express*** *and author and senior journalist* ***Kaveree Bamzai*** *on TNIE's Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.*

Q Women across classes have shouldered a lot of the burden during the pandemic. Can you take us through some of the initiatives you have taken in the past two months, especially for domestic violence — one of the biggest issues women faced?

We were working to ensure that the one-stop crisis centres across the country were functional and never shut their doors, irrespective of the country being in lockdown. We reached out to every one-stop centre. Similarly, we engaged with all child care centres and women's homes across the country to ensure that the people living in those homes are safe and have access to essential commodities. We also ensured that the anganwadis, which are at the frontline, continued to function. Even if anganwadis were shut, the take-home rations were delivered at the doorstep. In the lockdown, we had 9 crore female beneficiaries who received the rations at the doorstep.

Q How do you take the incident of anganwadi workers being beaten away?

The PM has been very vocal not only in terms of his words but also his action that the breakdown of law and order will not be accepted by the Centre. We have taken a Cabinet decision to protect frontline workers as well. There was also a public outrage over it. During the Covid crisis, we saw a cohesiveness in the PM's approach and the people's response.

Q Have cases of child abuse and violence against women gone up?

When Covid-19 hit India, there was a lot of talks — and it came from international agencies — that across the world 80 per cent women are getting beaten at home. When we asked for validated figures, they said this is just a supposition. When we tracked the numbers, we found that they have gone down. But because it is an evolving situation, it would be premature for me to make a generic statement.

Q What have we achieved in the journey from Make in India to 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'?

We studied 580 export-import lines and we alerted the revenue department on increasing the import duties. In light of Covid-19, we tried to figure out how we can enhance the opportunities for local artisans. We coordinated with self-help groups for making face covers which are being locally consumed. I am engaged in further discussions on the textile ministry with the ministries of finance and commerce which I cannot mention right now.

Q Will the existing textile units have to reinvented for new kinds of products?

They have themselves adapted to new market needs.

BHU developing new drug candidates against Covid

NEW DELHI: The Science and Engineering Research Board has approved support for research at BHU to identify lead compounds from available and approved drugs for fast-track anti-SARS-CoV-2 drug molecule. The research group of Prof. Vikash Kumar Dubey is working on developing new drug candidates against SARS-CoV-2 by exploring DrugBank (DrugBank is a database of FDA approved drug compounds). This database will be used for searching drug against Covid-19 database compounds as an inhibitor of SARS-CoV-2 main protease, a key enzyme required for SARS-CoV-2 assembly and multiplication. They will be carrying out extensive computational and experimental studies to identify an inhibitor of SARS-CoV-2 main protease. At present, available treatments are focused only on symptomatic relief to help the patient overcome the infection.

Nano-coating system developed for face masks

DEHRADUN: A team of researchers at IIT Roorkee has developed a nano-coating system to be used for face masks and PPE kits for reducing the transmission risk of COVID-19. "Facemask is a core component of the personal protective equipment (PPE), along with gown, gloves, and eye protection for frontline healthcare personnel. This nano-coating provides an additional layer of protection against pathogens in existing masks and can curb the transmission risk of the disease," said Prof. Naveen K Navani of Department of Biotechnology and Centre of Nanotechnology who led the research. The mask has been developed by a four-member team including Pardeep Kumar, Dr Arun Beniwal and Ajmal Hussain. This coating has been tested to effectively kill pathogens within 10-15 minutes. The formulation is highly effective against clinical pathogens such as Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli O157.

New Covid-19 test can cut cost by 40%, time by 50%

NEW DELHI: As number of Covid-19 patients rise, CSIR scientists said that most reliable RT-PCR based SARS-CoV-2 test can be further simplified to make it faster, safer and economical by bypassing the RNA (Ribonucleic acid) isolation step. Calling for skipping the RNA isolation step altogether without compromising on the sensitivity of RT-PCR test for COVID diagnostics, the scientists recommend directly using the swabs to extract the biological sample with TE buffer (a DNA preservative which stores DNA in intact form for a longer period of time). They predict this to reduce the time as well as make sample handling easier and safer. The proposed method takes about half the time and is cheaper by about 40 per cent compared to current most widely used method and increases the efficiency of detection by about 20 per cent compared to the currently used method, said a pre-print paper by the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology.

ADMIRING BEAUTY

Tourists take a selfie at Hawa Mahal in Jaipur after the authorities permitted to open monuments in the state | PTI

Govt changes tack, asks people to live with Corona

Narrative shifts from 'we have to defeat Covid to 'learn to live with it'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A commuter wearing a PPE kit waits at a bus stand in Kolkata on Tuesday | PTI

WITH the country slowly returning to the "new normal" following a long Covid-19 lockdown, imposed to contain the spread of the virus, the Centre's narrative seems to be changing from *"corona ko harana hai* (we have to defeat coronavirus) to *"corona ke saath jeena hai"* (we have to learn to live with coronavirus).

At a press conference on the outbreak management in the country on Tuesday, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on action preparedness through a public service video underlined on the fact that working people should get out of their homes, with adequate precautions, to get the economy and the country running.

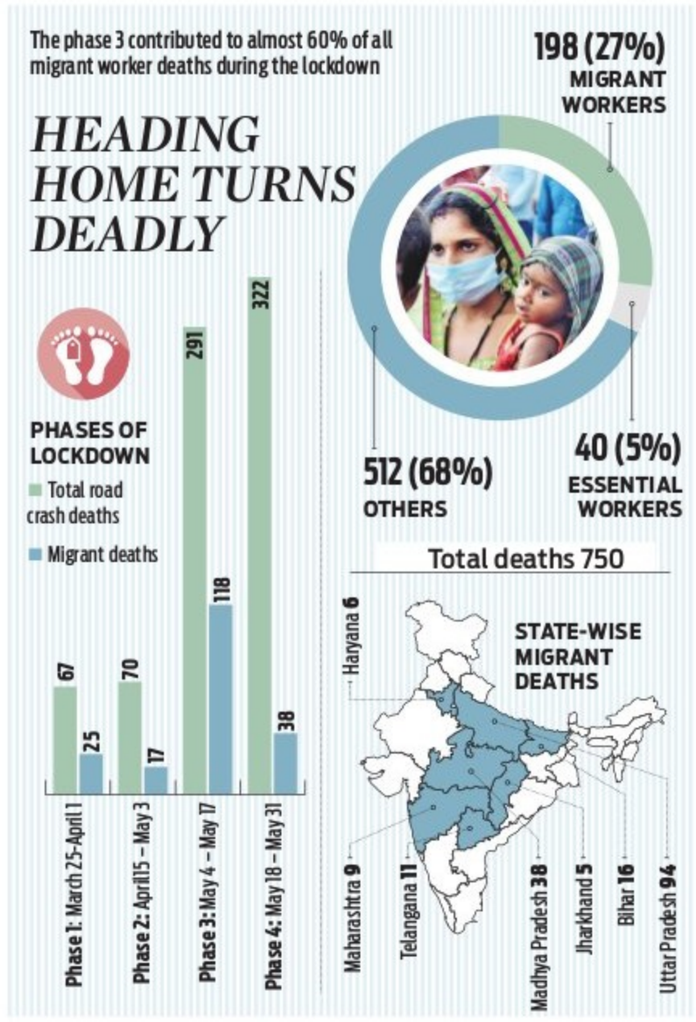
The key message in the video starring Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar was that people should return to work and even if they get sick due to exposure to the virus, most likely they will recover, as there are healthcare services available to cater to those in need.

Till a few weeks back, the theme of these press briefings was how the government was doing everything possible to "contain" the spread of the infectious disease with government officials insisting that "peak may never come in India if we are careful and follow social distancing, including lockdown norms diligently". The government has been maintaining that the decision to impose an early and strict lockdown prevented an exponential and sudden rise in cases and deaths.

But despite the lockdown — that was very stringent for the most part — the number of confirmed cases in India, however, has now reached 1,98,706, and as on Tuesday morning, 97,851 of these were active cases.

The number of infection-related deaths also have reached 5,598 with 205 deaths reported within 24 hours. Lav Agarwal, joint secretary in the health ministry who addressed the briefing, said the headlines such as India now being 7th worst-hit country in the pandemic are "unfair" and only comparisons should be made only in terms of cases or deaths per million, given India's huge population.

"The number of deaths from corona in India per lakh population is 0.41, while the rate in the world is 4.9. In some countries, this figure has reached 62 and 82," he said. Agarwal said the country is in a better position due to the timely detection of infection and the right treatment.



Most migrants died during lockdown 3.0

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

THE phase 3 of the lockdown, which was extended from May 4 to May 17, resulted in the death of 118 migrant workers, the highest among all other lockdown periods, data from SaveLife Foundation has revealed.

The phase 3 contributed to almost 60 per cent of all migrant worker deaths during the lockdown, while phases one, two and four witnessed 25, 17 and 38 deaths respectively.

"With Covid-19 still very much around, we simply can't afford to burden our already over-burdened healthcare system with road crash related trauma. The data collated by us suggests that there has been a surge in road crashes with lifting of the restrictions across the states in phase 3 and phase 4. It is critical that states enhance enforcement to prevent road crashes and the citizens inculcate essential safety habits for the road like they did for personal hygiene during the lockdown," Piyush Tewari, founder of SaveLife Foundation said.

In terms of states, UP saw the maximum deaths of migrant workers with 94 deaths, while MP, Bihar and Telangana saw 38, 16 and 11 deaths respectively. The cause of deaths in maximum number of cases was found to be vehicle to vehicle collisions in which 70 migrants lost their lives. Speeding resulted in the death of 49 migrant workers while vehicle overturn resulted in the death of 32 migrant workers.

"The government had a great chance to reduce these types of accidents by fixing faults - design and structural - during the lockdown period. Unfortunately nothing was done and the result is there for everyone to see. Once the relaxations were announced, the number of deaths of migrants skyrocketed. This was a golden opportunity missed for long term solution of road crashes," an official of the Road Safety Network said.

SCIENTIST +VE

Two top ICMR officials in self-quarantine

NEW DELHI: Two top officials at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), country's nodal agency for Covid-19 outbreak management, have gone into quarantine after a senior scientist tested positive for the infection.

Dr Balram Bhargava, director general of the council, and Dr R R Gangakhedkar, chief epidemiologist, had been holding meetings with the scientist among others till last week.

The two are also senior members of the national task force that has been constituted for formulating country's policy to tackle the pandemic.

The infected scientist, who is from the ICMR's National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, had visited Delhi a few days ago and was tested after he developed symptoms. He is now hospitalised and said to be in a stable condition.

After the confirmation, the ICMR headquarters had been sanitised and fumigated for two days, but is now open. Many scientists, however, have not turned up to the office yet.

Neither Dr Bhargava nor Dr Gangakhedkar, among many others, who had come into close contact with the infected scientist has not undergone any test so far as the ICMR guidelines say that only symptomatic high-risk contacts should be tested. *ENS*

'Community spread began in Mumbai before lockdown'

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE first independent evidence of community transmission of Covid-19 from India has shown that the disease had moved beyond local transmission stage in Mumbai, the worst-hit city in the country in the pandemic, even before the nationwide lockdown was imposed on March 25.

A spatial analysis of trends by a researcher from the Tata Institute of Social Science has revealed that the SARS-CoV-2 had spread across the community in Mumbai before the lockdown started, but the cases started getting detected later with increased testing.

"The spread of the virus in Mumbai in April showed a linear growth, and it is possible that the lockdown prevented an exponential growth. However, the virus seems to be ahead of the testing curve and as testing rates improve, a clearer picture will emerge," said the analysis published in the Indian Journal of Public Health.

Mumbai, which had 34,018 confirmed cases and 1,097 infection related deaths by Tuesday morning, saw over 375 times increase of cases within 50 days of the lockdown. The ward-wise and zone-wise SARS-CoV-2 trend data for 3 weeks (April 4 to April 25) showed an increasing trend across all wards, it said.

"These wards have a large inflow of population during working hours from other wards. As the lockdown was already in place when this study was conducted, it is possible that the lockdown measures prevented a larger spread of virus within these wards."

Notice to 4 Mumbai hospitals for violating norms

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government on Tuesday issued show-cause notices to four prominent private hospitals in Mumbai — Bombay, Jaslok, Hinduja and Lilavati Hospitals — for apparently violating the guidelines on reserving 80 per cent beds for Covid-19 patients and treating them as per prescribed norms.

It also decided to appoint the local corporation officer as a nodal officer at the private hospitals to ensure implementation of the government guidelines.

The decision was taken in the cabinet meeting a day after state health minister Rajesh Tope, accompanied by state health assurance society CEO Sudhakar Shinde, made a surprise visit to these hospitals late Monday evening and found them flouting the rules. Tope said there were complaints that these private hospitals turning away patients citing non-availability of beds. "They are also charging hefty rates. Therefore, we decided to appoint nodal officer and monitoring the administration and work of these hospitals," he said.

An official statement said at the Bombay Hospital, a board displaying information about availability of beds, as required under the government norms, was not put up. At some hospitals, rate cards for treatment fixed by the state government were not displayed.

The government has decided to give a unique ID to every bed. "It is mandatory for every lab to give the Covid-19 swab test report within 24 hours. Kidney patients will get the treatment in private hospitals. We have also decided to control the private ambulances Besides, the state government has decided to ask the Centre to start suburban local train services so that the people who are working in essential services can commute easily," said an official.

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Rajesh Tope, Maharashtra health minister

STAYING PREPARED

Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray ordered appointment of civic officials at private hospitals in Mumbai to ensure that 80 per cent beds are reserved for coronavirus patients

4 DEATHS IN RAJASTHAN DUE TO COVID-19

Ahmedabad	38	27	Mumbai	29	27
Bhopal	27	22	Panaji	29	27
Jaipur	38	27	Patna	37	28
Amritsar	36	24	Lucknow	36	27
Chennai	37	28	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	34	26	Imphal	26	19
Srinagar	28	11	Chandigarh	38	24

Twenty-one killed in Assam landslides

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

AT least 21 people were killed and 12 others injured in separate incidents of landslides in Assam's Barak Valley on Tuesday morning. Among the killed are 10 children and three women.

The landslides occurred in all three Valley districts — Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi — in southern Assam. Most of the victims were in their sleep when the tragedy struck. Heavy rains since Monday night triggered the incidents.

According to official sources, seven people each were killed in Cachar and Hailakandi while six people lost their lives in Karimganj. The 12 injured were admitted to local hospitals. The incident in Cachar took place at Joypur in which a man, his three sons and three daughters were killed. His wife and one son escaped.

Locals gather at the spot where the landslide occurred leading to the death of at least six people, in Karimganj district, of Assam on Tuesday | PTI

Karimganj had two incidents, both at Kaliganj. In one of them, a 14-year-old girl was killed. In the other, five members of a family — a man, his wife, their two sons and one daughter — lost their lives.

Hailakandi also had two incidents. In one incident at Mohanpur, a man was killed. In the other incident at Bhattor Bazar, all six members of a family — a man, his father, wife, two daughters and one son — were killed. State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel retrieved the bodies. They were assisted by locals.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal mourned the deaths. "Deeply anguished at the loss of lives due to landslides triggered by incessant rain in Barak valley. I have directed Cachar, Hailakandi & Karimganj district administrations and SDRF to step up rescue, relief operations and facilitate all possible help needed to those affected," Sonowal tweeted.

Some districts in Assam are in the grip of floods. The deluge has so far claimed nine lives.

TRACKING COVID-19

Entertain quarantined patients, teachers told

Bizarre orders scrapped by Rajasthan govt after teachers' uproar

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

RAJASTHAN government school teachers have been asked by various district authorities to entertain Covid-19 patients, count stray animals, ensure social distancing during weddings and raise awareness regarding the ongoing locust attack.

The bizarre orders were passed last week, leading to a furore among teachers. A video of a teacher performing those duties even went viral. Following an appeal to Minister of State for Education Govind Singh Dotasara, the orders were withdrawn. "We have revoked the absurd orders and have also asked officials to not carry out such orders without any written guidelines," Dotasara tweeted.

The orders were passed by several sub divisional officers. In one such order, Karauli chief district education officer Ganpat Lal Meena asked a dozen physical education and music teachers in 12 quarantine centres of Mandarayan and Todabhim to teach yoga in the morning and organize activities such as singing and musical performances in the evening.

'No to such absurd orders'

Rajasthan Primary and Middle Teachers' Association president Shashi Bhushan Sharma, Rajasthan Teachers' Union president Ravi Acharya and All-Rajasthan Teachers' Union president Ramkrishna Agarawal have appealed to the CM to not put them in such non-teaching activities.

A woman teacher was among the teachers who were asked to entertain the patients in quarantine. They were even asked to make videos of the programmes and send them to additional district education officer Dharam Singh Meena.

In a second order issued by the panchayat elementary education officer of Kishanpura in Baran district, a school principal, referring to the orders of the SDO, asked a teacher to ensure social distancing during a village wedding and also ensure that no more than 50 people attended the wedding.

The coronavirus pandemic has seen plenty of such orders on the teachers. Earlier, the Dholpur district collector had put teachers on MGNREGA inspection duty. There was also an uproar when the SDO of the Etawah subdivision of Kota asked teachers to join locust control teams.

CRPF on high alert following terror threat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INTELLIGENCE agencies have warned of terror attacks in the national capital on the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) following which CRPF has asked all units in Delhi as well as in the Northern Sector to remain on high alert and step up security of all installations.

According to intelligence agencies, terrorists and anti-social elements might be planning terror attacks in Delhi. Unit heads have been asked to keep round-the-clock security of their camps and send details to the headquarters, sources said.

"As CRPF troops are deployed at all places, including static guards/vital installation/camp security duties, therefore all troops be briefed about the security drill, conduct/behaviour, role/importance of the static guard, response in a contingency scenario by keeping necessary coordination with all stakeholders etc," said an internal communication.

The CRPF has also issued directions for immediate placement of "extra guard at all vulnerable points."

PARTY REVAMP

BJP PICKS NEWS FACES IN THREE STATE UNITS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

BJP chief J P Nadda has begun the much-awaited organisational appointments by designating the party unit chiefs in Delhi, Chhattisgarh and Manipur. He is soon likely to unveil the new office bearers, with party circles anticipating the induction of a few new national general secretaries.

Nadda on Tuesday appointed **Adesh Kumar Gupta** to lead the party's Delhi unit. The BJP chief has gone back to the party's traditional strategy to consolidate the trading community in the national capital, with MP Manoj Tiwari having failed to swing the Poorvanchali voters in the Assembly elections.

Gupta had earlier been mayor of the north municipal corporation. With an Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) background, he has the onerous task of putting a new lease of life into the faction-ridden party unit in the city. Incidentally, Nadda also has an ABVP background.

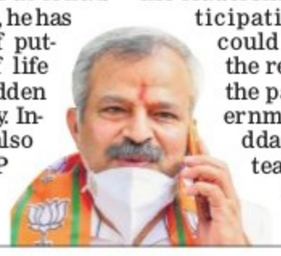
'35 out of 75 in 1st year'

The government in first year of its second term has initiated tangible action on 35 of 75 points promised in its manifesto for the 2019 LS elections, stated a PPRC report.

In Chhattisgarh, Nadda has given the responsibility to lead the party's state unit to former Union Minister Vishnu Deo Sai. He is a tribal leader and is seen as an experienced hand. He replaced Vikram Usendi, who had been holding the post since March last year.

The BJP was routed in the 2018 Assembly elections and since then, the saffron outfit has been experimenting with leadership changes to regain confidence. The BJP chief also appointed S Tikendra Singh as the Manipur unit chief. He replaces Kshetrimayum Bhabananda Singh.

With Nadda yet to constitute the national executive and the national council after his election as the party chief's post, he is likely to complete the necessary formalities soon, which may see a new national office bearers taking charge under his leadership. There are anticipations that there could be exchange of the resources between the party and the government to allow Nadda to build a new team of the saffron outfit.



Maha, Gujarat get ready for cyclone Nisarga

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Maharashtra and Gujarat governments activated their disaster response mechanism with cyclone Nisarga set to make landfall on Wednesday, They have deployed NDRF teams and started evacuating people from areas likely to be hit.

Already battling a raging pandemic which has put their health infrastructure under severe strain, the two western states opened new fronts to tackle the fallout of the cyclone which is expected to make landfall close to Mumbai on Wednesday.

Both states are likely to be impacted the most and while they braced for the cyclone, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to their chief ministers and assured them of all possible help.

Cyclone Nisarga is very likely to intensify into a "severe cyclonic storm" over the next 12 hours and cross Maharashtra and South Gujarat coast on Wednesday afternoon, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday. The cyclonic storm with wind speeds from 100 to 120 kmph could hit Western India.

FROM HAIR TO CARE

Barbers wearing protective suits attend to a customer at a salon after authorities eased lockdown restrictions, in Bhopal on Tuesday | PTI

OXYGEN THERAPY

MP gov sends health teams from district hospitals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

EMBOLDENED by the successful treatment of COVID-19 patients with oxygen therapy, the Madhya Pradesh government is eyeing to start the same at government hospitals and has started training doctors and other healthcare workers at the Chirayu Medical College and Hospital in Bhopal.

The private hospital, through different therapies, particularly the oxygen therapy, has managed to successfully treat 1050-plus COVID-19 patients in two months.

"Inspired by the success of oxygen therapy, we're now eyeing to start dedicated COVID-19 ICUs at all district hospitals which will provide oxygen therapy. Eight member-strong teams, including two doctors, and as many nurses, ward boys and sweepers are getting trained at the Chirayu Hospital. Once trained, these teams will work as mentors for professionalized COVID care in district and government hospitals in all 52 districts of the state," Faiz Ahmad Kidwai, Commissioner of Health Services in MP, told this daily.

Hospital head Dr Ajay Goenka said, "Till date, eight-strong teams from 12 districts of the state have already been trained and they will now mentor COVID management practices in hospitals and health centers in respective districts."

Quarantined migrants in Bihar get contraceptives

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

IN a novel way to promote family planning among migrant workers who have returned to the state, the Bihar government is distributing contraceptives and condoms to the labourers after they have completed the mandatory 14-day quarantine. In addition to the family planning kits, it is also giving cash of ₹500 to each of them.

The distribution of the contraceptives has already started in Gopalganj, Samastipur, Rohtas, East Champaran, Chapra, Supaul and Jamui districts.

"I have been given a packet containing condoms and anti-pregnancy pills when I along with 20 others was discharged from the quarantine centre recently," said a migrant labourer from Gopalganj, appreciating the initiative.

The state health department said the migrant workers, even while they were in quarantine, were counselled on the ways of practicing safe family planning methods without hampering their conjugal life.

The health department roped in Asha workers, ANMs and other health personnel to gift the family planning kits to the married migrant workers. According to a rough estimate, more than two lakh kits have already been distributed in the last few days.

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Manoj Kumar, executive director of the Bihar State Health Society, said the unique initiative had been undertaken without much publicity. "It is also being done during the house to house surveys by health personnel. It is relevant to promote family planning," he said.

He said the lockdown could give rise to unwanted pregnancies. "So to prevent it safely such an initiative is relevant," Kumar said.

Activist Varavara Rao discharged

Poet-activist Varavara Rao, accused in the Elghar Parished case, was discharged from Sir JJ Hospital late Monday evening and sent back to Taloja jail in Navi Mumbai. The 81-year-old was shifted to hospital after he complained of giddiness and fell in his cell a few days ago. Dr Sanjay Surase, Superintendent, JJ Hospital, said, "We also conducted his Covid-19 test and the result came out negative. So there was no point keeping him in hospital." Another doctor said Rao "was reading books and doing other activities without any major health issue. In prison, he might have missed his regular medicine that might have caused the giddiness and other health issues."

SC seeks Navlakha reply on NIA plea, stays bail proceedings in high court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed the proceedings in the Gautam Navlakha bail plea before the Delhi High Court and sought a response from activist Gautam Navlakha on NIA plea challenging the high court order seeking records of judicial proceedings in the Bhima Koregaon case.

A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra slated the next hearing in the matter after two weeks. The SC bench took note of the submission of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that the High Court order of May 27 seeking production of the records of trial court was patently without jurisdiction.

The civil rights activist was recently taken to Mumbai from Delhi's Tihar Jail. The Delhi High Court had pulled up the National Investigation Agency for its 'unseemly haste' in taking away Navlakha to Mumbai even when his interim bail plea was pending here.

Gautam Navlakha

The NIA plea said the high court erroneously continues to entertain the interim bail application of the accused who is charged by an authority outside its territorial jurisdiction.

It sought setting aside of the high court order seeking a copy of Navlakha's last medical report in Delhi and Mumbai. The agency claimed that the top court had already adjudicated the issue of Navlakha's health and declined him relief. The NIA has also questioned the maintainability of Navlakha's bail plea before the high court and pointed out that he is being prosecuted for offences under IPC and UAPA and thus the bail application would lie before the special court under NIA Act.

The case pertains to the violence at Bhima Koregaon near Pune on January 1, 2018. The Pune police alleged that violence was incited by the Elgaar Parishad meeting held the previous day by persons having Maoist links.

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With easing of curbs, air turns toxic again

With gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions, air pollution is also rising. The air quality is now back to 'worst' in at least four cities of Uttar Pradesh that figure among the most polluted cities in the country. Ghaziabad, Greater Noida, Meerut and Bulandshahr have recorded 'poor' air quality since May 24, says the data released by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). They were among top five cities with worst air quality across the state.

Heat kills hundreds of bats

Sudden death of hoards of bats created panic in Gorakhpur, Sant Kabir Nagar and some adjoining districts of Uttar Pradesh. The mystery was dispelled by the autopsy report given by Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly, stating that bats died due to brain haemorrhage caused by excess heat. As per the post-mortem report, there were no traces of coronavirus or rabies in the dead bats. Experts believe that bats have a high immunity level and are not affected by any pathogen, virus or bacteria, though they can be carriers of the virus. Since the Covid outbreak, studies have suggested that bats are natural reservoir of a range of coronaviruses. Over 100 bats were found dead in a mango orchard in Gorakhpur on May 26 and a day later in Ballia.

'Shuddhi Surang'

Amid suspicions about adverse impact of earlier versions of santisation tunnels on skin and eyes, Dr Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU) has come up with its safer avatar — *Shuddhi Surang*. The first such tunnel was installed at Raj Bhawan in Lucknow by the experts of AKTU recently along with portable sanitisation machine which can sanitise files used and touched by many in office. The sanitisation tunnel is safer as it doesn't have sodium hypochlorite or chorine which is harmful for eyes and skin. The WHO recommended sanitiser contains skin friendly formulations having alcohol, glycerin and rose water.

Restrictions on entry in mosques

Wear a mask while offering *namaz*, bring your own *janamaz* (prayer mat) and skull cap and don't stand shoulder-to-shoulder with other *namazis*. These are some of the directives issued by the Islamic Centre of India (ICI) to mosques. The 16-point advisory comes in the backdrop of the Central government's decision to reopen places of worship from June 8 in a phased manner. Head of ICI and Imam of Aishbagh Eidgah Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahali said that after initial 15 days of reopening of mosques, a new advisory could come up following circumstantial changes.

17 June

Elections for 5 non-permanent members of the UN Security Council will be held; India is a candidate

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	15	SNY	Los Angeles	28	16	SNY
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	16	9	LC
Doha	38	26	SNY	Moscow	17	7	LR
Dubai	38	27	SNY	New York	22	17	LC
Houston	33	21	SNY	Singapore	33	27	LR
Istanbul	17	11	LR	Toronto	27	16	LC
London	25	12	LC	Washington DC	25	20	LC

ISLAMABAD

Af Taliban still maintain ties with al-Qaida: Report

The Taliban in Afghanistan still maintain close ties with the al-Qaida terror network, despite signing a peace deal with the United States in which they committed to fight militant groups, a UN report released on Tuesday said. The insurgents promptly slammed the report as "baseless and bigoted." The US-Taliban deal was signed in Feb.

MOSCOW

Russia to spend $70 bn on virus recovery plan

Russia plans to spend about $72 billion (65 billion euro) on a plan to restore the economy following the coronavirus shutdown, PM Mikhail Mishustin said Tuesday. The programme to boost employment, incomes and economic growth "contains over 500 measures, its cost over two years will be about five trillion rubles," Mishustin said.

VIENNA

Austria to redesign Hitler's birthplace as police station

Austrian authorities have presented the winning plan to redesign the house where Adolf Hitler was born in 1889, turning it into a police station and trying to make it unattractive as a pilgrimage site for people who glorify the Nazi dictator. A design by Austrian architects Marte.Marte beat 11 competitors in an interior ministry tender.

KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysia univ moots robot graduation ceremonies

Sultan Zainal Abidin University is considering using robots dressed in gowns and mortarboards to act as stand-ins at graduation ceremonies to prevent infections -- but students have blown a fuse at the idea. A video of the planned ceremonies shows two elegantly attired, waist-high robots being handed diplomas by high-ranking university officials.

PARIS

Parisians return to beloved cafes after lockdown

Parisians who have been cooped up for months with takeout food and coffee can savor their steak tartare in the fresh air and cobbled streets of the City of Light once more — albeit in smaller numbers. The city famed for its vibrant cafe society and coffee culture got some of its pre-lockdown life back as cafes and restaurants partially reopened Tuesday.

MONTCLAIR

7 states, DC vote in Dem prez primary race

Joe Biden could seize the number of delegates needed to clinch the Democrats' nomination for the presidency on Tuesday as seven states and the District of Columbia push through a pandemic and exploding racial tensions to host the largest slate of primary elections in almost three months. Voters will be asked to navigate curfew and a rise in mail balloting.

JOHANNESBURG

Thieves tunnel into liquor store in South Africa

Thieves tunnelled through underground passageways and solid concrete at a liquor store in a major shopping centre in the city just before a controversial ban on the sale of alcohol during the 66-day lockdown was lifted. The thieves got away with 300,000 rand ($18,000) worth of liquor. They used power and stormwater drains to get under the store.

Violence escalates amid Trump's military threat

More protests erupt in US cities, clashes with police intensify

WASHINGTON

AMERICAN cities erupted in violence and destruction in a seventh straight night of unrest, with several police officers shot or run over, amid boasts and threats from President Donald Trump to send in troops to "dominate the streets."

In New York, nonviolent protests Monday night were punctuated by people smashing shop windows near Rockefeller Center and breaching the doors of Macy's flagship store on 34th Street, littering the pavement with broken glass. An SUV plowed into a group of officers at a demonstration in Buffalo, injuring three, including a state trooper who suffered a broken leg and a shattered pelvis.

Demonstrations also broke out in such places as Philadelphia, where hundreds of protesters spilled onto a highway in the heart of the city; Atlanta, where police fired tear gas at demonstrators; and Nashville, where more than 60 National Guard members put down their riot shields at the request of peaceful protesters who had gathered in front of Tennessee's Capitol to honor George Floyd.

A Black Lives Matter rally in downtown Las Vegas | AFP

Bystander Sean Jones, who watched as people ransacked luxury stores in New York over the weekend, said: "People are doing this so next time, before they think about trying to kill another black person, they're going to be like, 'Damn, we don't want them out here doing this ... again.'"

Minneapolis stabilising?

The unrest in Minneapolis appeared to stabilise on the same day Floyd's brother made an impassioned plea for peace at the spot where a white police officer, Derek Chauvin, put his knee on the handcuffed black man's neck until he stopped breathing last week.

Chauvin has been charged with murder. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison said Tuesday that prosecutors were working as fast as they can to determine if the three other officers at the scene should be charged, too. All four have been fired.

The death toll from the unrest rose to at least nine. Over 5,600 people nationwide have been arrested over the past week for such offenses as stealing, blocking highways and breaking curfew. *AP*

Dangerous to bring in troops to fight people, say experts

NEW YORK

US President Donald Trump's warning that he would deploy the United States military to any state that refuses to take aggressive action against rioting rests on a longstanding presidential power that gives wide latitude to the White House, legal experts said.

They say the president does indeed have the authority under the Insurrection Act of 1807 to dispatch the military in states that are unable to put down an insurrection or are defying federal law.

A leading Democratic voice on national security, Michèle Flournoy, who is a former top Pentagon policy official, said Tuesday that Trump should avoid using active-duty military forces except as a last resort.

"Most presidents, previous presidents, have understood the extreme sensitivity of using the US military against American citizens or in confronting American citizens," Flournoy said at an online forum hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The American Civil Liberties Union said it would be unnecessary to invoke the Insurrection Act—and irresponsible and dangerous. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

Hajj cancelled

Indonesia is pulling out of the annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca over coronavirus fears, the religious affairs ministry said on Tuesday, removing the largest contingent of worshippers. More than 2,20,000 people from the country were set to take part this year.

AFGHANISTAN

Virus crisis looms

The Intentional Rescue Committee, a prominent aid organisation warned Tuesday that Afghanistan is on the brink of a humanitarian disaster because the government is unable to test at least 80% of possible virus cases. New infections rose 684% in May, the IRC said.

Document shows govt defied experts' advice on easing lockdown

A leaked government document reveals authorities ignored experts who wanted a monthlong lockdown in Pakistan's Punjab province and who estimated 670,000 might have been infected in the provincial capital of Lahore. After media published the experts' report Tuesday, residents criticized the government for easing the restrictions last month instead of heeding the recommendation. The report was based on a sample survey done in Lahore, which had 245 deaths through May 15. Since then, Punjab has reported nearly 200 more fatalities related to COVID-19. The document surfaced hours before Prime Minister Imran Khan relaxed more coronavirus restrictions implemented in March, saying Pakistanis must learn how to live with the virus since lockdowns don't treat the disease. Pakistan has registered 1,621 fatalities amid 76,398 cases.

China finalises deal for PoK project: Report

ISLAMABAD

CHINA under the multi-billion-dollar CPEC will set up a 1,124-megawatt power project in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir despite India's objection to it, according to a media report on Tuesday.

The details of the Kohala hydropower project was presented in the 127th meeting of the Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) chaired by Energy Minister Omar Ayub on Monday.

The *Express Tribune* reported that the meeting was informed that a tripartite agreement has been finalised among China's Three Gorges Corporation, the authorities in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and the PPIB to implement the 1,124-megawatt Kohala hydroelectric power project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework.

The project will be built on the Jhelum River and aims at annually providing more than five billion units of clean and low-cost electricity for consumers in Pakistan.

The paper further reported that this marks one of the largest investments of $2.4 billion in an independent power producer (IPP) in the region.

Last month, India protested to Pakistan awarding a mega contract to build a Rs 442-billion dam in Gilgit-Baltistan, saying carrying out such projects in territories under Pakistan's illegal occupation was not proper. The 3,000-km-long CEPC is aimed at connecting China and Pakistan with rail, road, pipelines and optical cable fiber networks. *PTI*

'Virus doesn't exist anymore in Italy'

ROME

TOP scientists, health officials and the WHO on Monday rushed to counter claims made by a leading Italian doctor who said the new coronavirus "no longer exists" in the country.

The row came as Italy prepared the next stage of its gradual easing of a national lockdown imposed three months ago to fight the spread of the deadly virus.

"In reality, the virus clinically no longer exists in Italy," said Alberto Zangrillo, head of the San Raffaele Hospital in Milan.

"The swabs performed over the past 10 days have showed a viral load that is absolutely infinitesimal in quantitative terms compared to those carried out a month or two months ago," he said in an interview on RAI television. "Someone has to take responsibility for terrorising the country," Zangrillo added. Martin Hibberd, a professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said: "In a situation where the numbers of severe cases are falling, there may be time to start observing people with less severe symptoms -- giving the impression that the virus is changing." *AFP*

Peaceful protesters were tear-gassed so Trump can have church photo op

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump spurred fresh outrage Monday after police used tear gas to clear protesters from outside the White House so he could pose for photographs at a nearby church damaged during civil unrest.

The move earned him a sharp rebuke from the city mayor, the Episcopal bishop, and leading Democrats including former vice president Joe Biden, who decried the use of force merely "for a photo." Trump's visit to the historic St John's Church, across the street from the White House came after he delivered an address denouncing vandalism that has followed anti-racism protests that have gripped the country for a week.

As he spoke, law enforcement -- including military police -- could be seen firing tear gas to clear peaceful protesters in Lafayette Park, outside the White House, so the president could walk over to the church.

Known as "the Church of the Presidents," St. John's was sprayed with graffiti and partially damaged by fire during unrest on Sunday.

"We have a great country," Trump said outside the Episcopal church, where he held up a Bible. He did not answer questions from reporters before leaving again. Biden, the Democratic presidential candidate in the November election, slammed Trump for "using the American military against the American people," after the president vowed to order an army crackdown on the civil unrest. *AFP*

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IFT No. 08/2020-21 Date: 30.05.2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

The Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) for the work **Construction of CC Road to common roads of Malavagoppa ward, Harige ward and Sulebylu ward in Shimoga approved under H/A 5054 - App-e**. Amount put to Tender is **Rs. 88.86 lakhs** and EMD is **Rs. 1.78 lakhs.** Time allowed for completion of work is **09 months including Monsoon.**

The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., http;//eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from **30-05-2020 to 08-06-2020** Last date for Receipt of Tender is on **08-06-2020**, The Technical bid will be opened on **09-06-2020** and Financial bid will be opened after **10-06-2020.** More information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

Sd/-
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IFT No. 05/2020-21 Date: 08.05.2020

Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover System) (through e-procurement) - 3rd Call

As per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000 and Act 2000 tenders are invited as per Standard Document K W -3, from the contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department in Class 3 and above through e-procurement portal in two-cover system for 8443 Deposit Mobilisation (Education Department –Nabard 25) under heads of account approval in Bhadravathi Taluk : **a) Renukanagar Government Junior Primary School, one No. b) Sidlipura Government Higher Primary School, one No. c) Holehonnur Government Boys Higher Primary School, one No. d) Holehonnur Government Girls Higher Primary School, two Nos. and e) Vishwanagar Government Higher Primary School, two Nos.** of works of construction of Class Rooms from the undersigned. The amount put to tender for the above works is **Rs: 77.00 lakhs**, EMD amount **Rs. 1.54 lakhs**, Time for completion: 09 months including rainy season.

Eligible tenderers are advised to note the minimum criteria specified in Cl 3 of the instruction to tenderers as per Tender Document Section 2 through e-procurement portal: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Tender can be downloaded from e-procurement from **02.06.2020 to 09.06.2020 upto 5.00 P M.** The tenders should be submitted on **09.06.2020 before 5.00 PM** through e-procurement. The technical bid of the works will be opened in e-procurement portal on **10.06.2020** and commercial bid will be opened after **12.06.2020**. For more details, visit this office during office hours. Details given in website is final.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS DIVISION PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No.152/PW/NH/DB/JE.1/F.No.2141/2020-2021 Puducherry, Date : 02.06.2020

PRESS NOTICE FOR e-TENDER - 2nd CALL

On behalf of the President of India, e-Tenders are invited from the eligible contractors/firms by the Executive Engineer, National Highways Division, Public Works Department, Puducherry for the following work.

Sl. No	Tender No	Name of Work	Approx. Estimated Cost (₹)	e-Tender Processing fee (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit(₹)	Eligibility of Contractor
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)	(6)
01	11/ PW/ NH/ 19-20	Widening and improvements to RC-17 Kombakkam road from Murungapakkam junction to Kannagi School junction Ch.0/000 to Ch.7/080 in Puducherry	5,85,30,724/-	1500/- + GST @ 5%	11,70,615/-	Class I and above
02	12/ PW/ NH/ 19-20	Widening and improvements to Perambai road from Moolakulam to Moolakadai in Puducherry	3,84,41,138/-	1500/- + GST @ 5%	7,68,823/-	Class I and above

The detailed procedure is available in the Press Notice which can be downloaded along with the NIT from the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in** only by those Contractors who are having valid ikey and Digital Signature Certificate.

Availability of Form 7 / 8 in PWD website:

The General Conditions of Contract for PWD works 2014 (Form 7 / 8 is available on the website https://pwd.py.gov.in/ and the same can be viewed online by the intending contractors.

(i) Availability of NIT from **10.00 AM on 08.06.2020 to 04.00 P.M. on 23.06.2020**
(ii) Closing time for Submission of e-Tender : **24.06.2020 - 03.30 PM**
(iii) Date & Time of Opening of tender : **25.06.2020 - 10.30 AM**

Please contact ICICI BANK for e-payment help desk guidance in Phone No.**8939202113**.

Please contact e-Procurement cell, 3rd Floor, Chief Secretariat, e-tender help desk for guidance in Phone No.0413-2220225 & 1800 3070 2232 (Toll Free) mail id : **support-eproc.pon@nic.in**

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹130.6

Target Price ₹190

Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail: The company has remained a dominant player in the apparel industry with a strong parentage, ensuring bank credit facilities would offer the company adequate support to weather the storm better than competitors. ABFRL seeks to raise INR10b through a rights issue. This should enhance the company's liquidity position. We expect revival in FY22E.

– Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd

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EXPRESS READ

CONSUMER GOODS

FMCG COMPANIES' REVENUE TO CONTRACT BY 3 PC IN FY21: CRISIL

New Delhi: Domestic ratings agency Crisil on Tuesday said it expects revenue of fast moving consumer goods sector (FMCG) companies to contract by 3 per cent in 2020-21 as against its earlier expectation of a 10 per cent growth. However, companies will adopt lower advertising spends and benefit from lower input prices, which will ensure that operating profit levels can be broadly maintained at up to 19 per cent, it said. It attributed the drastic revision in revenue growth to both supply and demand shocks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has resulted in a three month lockdown in major consumption hubs.

TWO-WHEELERS

SUZUKI MOTORCYCLE LAUNCHES ONLINE SALES, SERVICE PLATFORM

New Delhi: Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt Ltd (SMIPL) launched its online sales and service platform through 'Suzuki at your doorstep' programme to meet customer demand during and post COVID-19 lockdown. Suzuki at your doorstep programme will be integrated within SMIPL's official website to enable customers to buy, test-ride and opt for after sales services at the click of a button, the company said. Through this programme customers can also book Suzuki two-wheeler product through a toll-free number along with an option of connecting the call to the nearest dealership, in case the customer wants to visit the dealership.

RATE CUT

SBI CUTS SAVINGS BANK DEPOSIT RATES BY 5 BPS TO 2.7%

New Delhi: The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has reduced interest rate on savings bank deposits by five basis points (bps) to 2.7 per cent per annum across all brackets. The revised interest rate is applicable from May 31, 2020, SBI website showed. For savings bank deposits, the bank has two slabs – balance up to ₹1 lakh and those with above ₹1 lakh balance. In April, SBI had reduced its savings bank deposits rate by 25 bps to 2.75 per cent per annum across all slabs. The lender, from May 27, has also slashed its retail term deposit rates by up to 40 bps across all tenors. It was the second reduction in FD rates by the lender in May.

MARKET WATCH

MARKET
522.01 ▲ Sensex 33,825.53 | 152.95 ▲ Nifty 9,979.10

GOLD
₹5 ▼ 24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,917 | ₹5 ▼ 22 carat (1 gm) ₹ 4,507

SILVER
₹10 ▲ Per kg ₹50,160 | ₹0.01 ▲ Per gm ₹50.16

FOREX
▼ Dollar 75.36 | ▲ Euro 84.13

Moody's downgrades 11 banks, other PSUs and private cos

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

A day after downgrading India's credit rating to a notch above junk status, Moody's on Tuesday has taken action on 11 Indian banks, downgrading HDFC Bank and State Bank of India's (SBI) long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings to Baa3. The ratings agency also cut ratings of many private and public sector companies including Infosys, TCS, ONGC, NTPC, NHAI, GAIL and Adani Green Energy Restricted Group.

Moody's affirmed the issuer rating of Reliance Industries Industries but revised the outlook to negative from stable. "Today's action reflects the impact on banks of the breadth and severity of the economic shock, and the deterioration in credit quality it has triggered. Moody's has maintained India's Macro Profile that serves as an input for the bank ratings, at Moderate" it said.

The rating action taken on SBI and HDFC Bank is not expected to change in the next 12-18 months, according to Moody's. The agency also lowered IndusInd Bank's long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings to Ba1 from Baa3 and the lender's BCA to Ba2 from Ba1 and also the long-term issuer rating of Export-Import Bank of India has also been downgraded.However, it changed Punjab National Bank's rating to positive from stable, while affirming PNB's long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings at Ba1 and its BCA at B1.

In the case of CBI and IOB, Moody's has affirmed their long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings at Ba2 and their BCAs at B2 and their rating outlook is maintained as "stable".

"The Covid-19 outbreak and resulting lock-down has impacted adversely the real economy, businesses, individuals, government as well as the financial sector. While the government is faced with the risk of higher fiscal deficit, the banking sector urgently needs recapitalisation to the tune of ₹3-4 lakh crore to meet the lending requirements," Uday Kotak, the incoming president of CII said on Tuesday.

Rating action of four banks under review

Global ratings agency Moody's on Tuesday placed the Baa3 long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings of Bank of Baroda , Bank of India, Canara Bank, and Union Bank of India while their ba3 BCAs are under review for downgrade

Govt floats schemes to attract local electronics cos

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Tuesday sent out a call for applications from electronics manufacturers interested in availing the benefits of a set of incentive schemes worth a cumulative ₹50,000 crore.

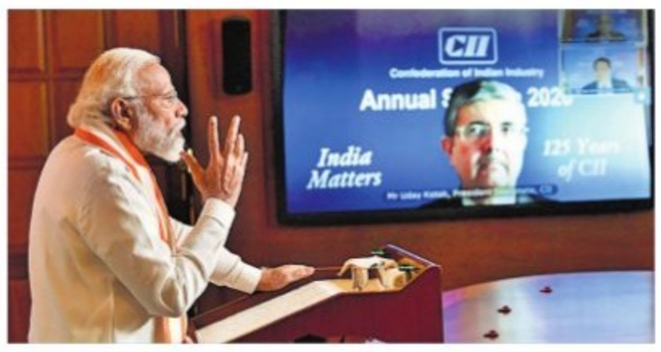
First announced in March this year, the Centre is floating three incentive schemes in an effort to attract global mobile device makers and boost local electronics manufacturing. The three schemes are: a Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS), Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0), and a production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for large scale manufacturing.

"There is a total incentive of ₹50,000 crore. There are 5-6 large companies that control 80 per cent of the global mobile market. Initially, we will pick up five global champions who under the PLI scheme shall be permitted to participate. We will also promote 5 Indian companies to become national champions," IT and Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said. According to Prasad, India has become the second largest mobile manufacturing country in the world, and is now working to lead the segment globally.

"The schemes have been opened today and companies can now submit their application," Electronics and IT secretary Ajay Prakash Sawhney said.

Under the PLI scheme, the Centre will offer 4-6 per cent incentive on incremental sales on a year-on-year basis. Industry estimates say that mobile manufacturers have the potential to get an incentive of around ₹7,500 crore if they scale up production to worth about ₹1.5 lakh crore over the next five years.

As for the other schemes, SPECS will offer companies a 25 per cent incentive on their capital expenditure. The government has set an investment range of ₹5 crore to ₹1,000 crore for entities willing to set-up component plants under the scheme. Under the EMC 2.0, the eligible companies will get an incentive of 50 per cent of the project with a limit of ₹70 crore per 100 acres.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the 125th CII Annual Session-2020 "Getting Growth Back" via video conferencing in New Delhi on Tuesday

India will get its growth back, says PM Modi

The government will stand by India Inc in getting growth back, he assured

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BRUSHING aside all the pessimism and growing fears of a recession due to coronavirus-induced lockdown, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday assured India Inc that the country will definitely get back its economic growth soon as the government continues to pursue multiple structural reforms.

"I will go beyond getting growth back to say Yes! We will definitely get our growth back," the Prime Minister said, while addressing the 125th annual session of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) through a video conference. Modi added he has full confidence in Indian farmers, business leaders, MSMEs and the capabilities of the entrepreneurs to reach the target.

The Prime Minister's assertion comes a day after global ratings agency Moody's downgraded India's credit rating to a notch above junk status, citing challenges in implementation of policies, deteriorating fiscal position, and stress in the financial sector. It may be noted that India's GDP grew by 4.2 per cent in 2019-20, the slowest pace in 11 years, and most of the economists and rating agencies have warned that the economy is set to contract in FY21.

Without commenting on the downgrade, Modi said reforms undertaken during the lockdown will help the economy in the long-run. "On one hand, we have taken tough steps to fight the virus and on the other, we have taken care of the economy," he added. Assuring to undertake more structural reforms, Modi added the nation will become more self-reliant in the days to come.

"The world is looking for a trusted, reliable partner and India has the potential, strength and ability. Today, all of you, including all industries must benefit from the trust that has developed for India all over the world," he said, adding the government will stand shoulder to shoulder with industries in their endeavour to help India become self-reliant.

"If you take two steps, the government will be four steps ahead in supporting you. As the Prime Minister, I assure you that I will stand with you," he said, in an effort to lift the sombre mood of the industry. Post Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns, most companies have been forced to resort to job cuts amid weak demand, and economic certainty.

COVID-19 IMPACT

INDIGO POSTS ₹871 CR LOSS AS COSTS RISE, FLIGHTS HALTED

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AS expected, Interglobe Aviation Ltd, the parent firm that operates country's biggest carrier Indigo, reported high losses and tepid growth in revenue for the final quarter of FY20 due to rise in expenses and suspension of flights during the last week of March.

The airline reported a consolidated net loss of ₹871 crore for January-March period, compared with a ₹596 crore profit in the year-ago quarter as its total cost went up by 30 per cent during the quarter and cost per available seat-kilometre (CASK) — excluding fuel — went up by 42.1 per cent.

Total revenue was up 5.3 per cent YoY to ₹8,299 crore compared to ₹7,883 crore last year.

Ronojoy Dutta, CEO, IndiGo said, "Our revenue was materially impacted by the shutdown of air traffic during this period. During the same period, we continued to incur committed expenditure with respect to our employees, aircraft-related costs expenditures such as lease rentals and other expenditures. This has significantly impacted our profitability."

Like previous quarters, the pandemic hit airline this time did not speak about its future growth plans. "With the prevailing uncertainty due to Covid-19 pandemic, we are not in a position to provide this guidance," it added.

Road ahead for IndiGo and other carriers is filled with challenges, say analysts as they believe the two listed airlines —IndiGo and SpiceJet to report record losses in Q1 of FY21 on account of a near two month ban on passenger flight services and very slow recovery.

While IndiGo with a cash reserve a ₹20,377 crore as of March 31 2020, is placed better to absorb the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, other airlines too are taking severe steps to avoid bankruptcy. Wadia family promoted GoAir has also extended leave without pay for many of its employees till the month-end.

Britannia Q4 net profit grew 26% on lower tax outgo, sales remain muted

RESULTS CORNER

2.5% Revenue rose to ₹2,868 cr in May

26.3% Net profit grew to ₹375 cr in the quarter

₹454 cr Operating profit grew 3.9%, margin expanded

MILD INFLATION

Britannia saw "moderate inflation" in prices of key raw materials for bakery business, commodity prices at global level too witnessed a moderation

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BREAD and biscuit maker Britannia Industries posted a 26 per cent increase in the fourth-quarter consolidated net profit, driven by lower tax outgo and cost efficiency programmes even as revenue grew at a tepid pace on account of sluggish sales.

Net profit of the company stood at ₹375 crore during the quarter ended March. Revenue rose 2.5 per cent year-on-year to ₹2,868 crore at a time when the coronavirus-induced lockdown hurt consumption. However, the company said it posted strong revenue growth in the first two months of the ongoing quarter — 20 per cent in April and 28 per cent in May from a year earlier — indicating stockpiling of food products and steady at-home consumption of packaged cookies during the lockdown. "After nine months of moderate growth, we started to see growth coming back in the first two months of this quarter which was then hit by Covid-19 and lockdown in March impacting the revenue and net profit growths by an estimated 7-10 per cent," Varun Berry, Managing Director, Britannia, said in a statement.

In this period, the company continued to garner market share through focus on building blocks of distribution, diligence in marketplace and brand building through focussed product campaigns, he said. On the cost front, Britannia witnessed moderate inflation in the prices of key raw materials for the bakery business," added Berry.

Two-wheeler dispatch down by 80%, but retail sales picking up steadily

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FOUR of India's largest two-wheeler makers — Hero MotoCorp, Honda Motorcycle (HMSI), Bajaj Auto and TVS reported over 80 per cent year-on-year decline in sales in May due to Covid-19 pandemic and slow opening up of the economy post lockdown.

According to the companies, there has been a pick up in retail sales as more and more people are opting for personal vehicles over using public transport system. For HMSI, factory dispatches stood at 54,000 units in May as against 519,072 units dispatched same month last year. The company said its retail sales crossed the 1.15 lakh unit-mark this month.

Yadvinder Singh Guleria, Director — Sales & Marketing, HMSI, said, "May'20 saw the wheels of business start turning slowly after the zero dispatch in the month of April'20. By now, a sizable 70 per cent of Honda dealerships resumed operations. With sufficient availability of six BSVI products at our network (3 scooter and 3 motorcycle models), our network was able to kick off initial sales momentum crossing over 1.15 lakh."

India's largest two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp's sales fell 83 per cent y-o-y with factory dispatches at 1,08,848 units last month. However, retail sales were over 1.6 lakh units. Hero said that nearly 5,000 touch-points have reopened which contributes 85 per cent of the domestic sales.

Sales for Pune-based Bajaj Auto too fell. It sold 39,286 units last month as against 2,05,721 units in May 2019, while TVS reported 82 per cent year-on-year decline in two-wheeler sales volume at 41,067 units. "We are seeing a progressive opening of dealerships across the country and overseas in the last two weeks of May and increasing further into June. We are also witnessing a steady pick-up in retail since the last few days," TVS said.

ALL THINGS VIRTUAL

IIM-L alumni launch app that helps build biz on smartphone

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WITH the pandemic and subsequent social distancing norms likely to put a crimp in the normal way of business for many small and medium firms, the utility of contact-less, networking mobile applications and online platforms in facilitating business transactions remotely is becoming apparent very fast. For example, the Anar B2B application, the brainchild of two IIM-Lucknow alumni, has seen downloads and usage shoot up over the course of the consequent lockdowns.

Launched in January 2020, the platform had onboarded more than 1,500 businesses within the first two months. Five months on, the number stands at over 10,000.

According to the company, the Anar B2B app has attracted attention because it is a network platform for businesses where they can connect and interact virtually, engage in trading and build their business from their smartphones —a crucial requirement at a time when social distancing norms are mandatory.

"The pre-Covid19 scenario saw a pool of retailers visiting the wholesale markets to make bulk purchases. A large number of wholesalers and retailers come in one place to interact and trade. Another prevalent way was wholesalers sending their sales team to retailers to display their offerings and trying to get a transaction in place. Post-Covid19, businesses will be more cautious in trading in populous markets or entertaining salespeople, who must be coming to their place after visiting scores of other businesses," the company said.

The Anar B2B platform is focusing on leveraging this behavioural change to drive usage. Users can create business profiles on the app and upload their products to begin networking on the platform. The app enables users to connect with buyers online, share information on products and take orders and manage deals--all from the app. Anar also has an advanced reporting feature which helps suppliers see which buyers saw, liked or shortlisted their products.

Post Covid-19, businesses will be more cautious in trading in populous markets... For buyers, the app helps them connect with suppliers directly, browse products and place orders on their phones.

Anar - B2B Business Network for Suppliers & Buyers' statement

KONE Elevator unveils health, well-being solutions

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

KONE Elevator India, a wholly owned subsidiary of KONE Corporation, expects a pick-up in demand in next few months following a recovery in real estate market in the post-coronavirus world. To attract customers, Kone has been banking heavily on its innovations.

The company, which currently has over 20 per cent market share in India, on Tuesday introduced a new range of health and well-being solutions that will help recreate safer user journeys and healthy spaces in buildings during this Coronavirus times. "In the prevailing Covid-19 environment, we received a lot of enquires about how escalators and elevators can be made safer. To meet the demand, the range of health and well-being focused solutions has been launched," Amit Gossain, MD, KONE Elevator India said. In the coming days, he said, the firm will focus more on launching such solutions with an aim to reduce the risk of contact with surface.

Manika, Rani nominated for Khel Ratna award

Paddler **Manika Batra** and women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal were recommended by their federations for Khel Ratna. Badminton doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were recommended for Arjuna Award by Badminton Association of India. Singles player Sameer Verma's name was also proposed for same award.

EXPRESS SPECIAL

MISSION VISION

Bengal cricket unit's decision to make eye test mandatory for team step towards addressing important yet overlooked problem

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY
@Chennai

I had got out bowled out by Wasim (Akram), not having judged the trajectory of the ball... I decided to get my eyes checked... The test confirmed my fears. I had astigmatism, which is a problem with how eye focusses light... I would have to use contact lenses as a corrective measure," wrote VVS Laxman in *281 And Beyond*, co-authored by R Kaushik.

Cricketers unable to sight the ball properly is a less talked about problem. But many face it. It isn't always evident because those suffering use lenses. Laxman was less fortunate. "I tried several lenses but didn't feel comfortable in them. A doctor in Australia (during the tour of 1999-2000) suggested I should use glasses or play without a lens because there was nothing suitable for me. For the rest of my career, my vision was never 100 per cent in overcast conditions and when the ball became oldish. For fielding, I used a special shade and made do without anything when batting," Laxman told this daily.

This uncommon ailment becomes relevant following the Cricket Association of Bengal's (CAB) recent announcement that vision test will be mandatory for its senior team. The team management felt some of the players showed symptoms of viewing problems last season, after seeing them misjudge the line of the ball while batting and catching. The association headed by Avishek Dalmiya plans to have this test for U-23 and U-19 teams too.

ILLUSTRATION: AMIT BANDRE

Most state associations don't conduct eye tests. There is no record of this, but former wicketkeeper Chandrakant Pandit is believed to have introduced the concept in India, in the sense that he came up with this idea about 10 years ago, when he was heading the academy run by Mumbai Cricket Association. In a long career as a coach, Pandit has got such tests done on players of the teams he has worked with, like Mumbai, Maharashtra, Kerala and Vidarbha.

"Players tend to overlook this. But if someone has a problem, early detection and treatment can stop it from becoming damaging. Mostly, you can tell from the way someone is reacting to the flight of the ball while batting or fielding. I won't take names, but I've seen players overcome this after consulting a specialist. And once you know someone has this problem, it becomes easier for the coach, physio and trainer to work with him," said Pandit.

In most cases, glasses or lenses are prescribed and Pandit has seen players benefit from these. "When I was coach of Vidarbha, I saw a player having difficulties locating the ball while taking catches. We figured this wasn't happening because of the background and asked him to undergo a test. Our hunch was right. A problem was detected and this player got better after doing what the doctor said. I'm glad that the CAB has made it mandatory," added the former international.

Laxman thinks this is more pertinent these days, taking into account the growing dependence on mobile phones. "It's more relevant nowadays because youngsters are usually glued to the phone. It may affect your sight if you spend long hours on this. Eyes are a cricketer's biggest asset. If you notice, good players have excellent eyesight, which helps them pick the length early."

As far as the Indian team is concerned, there is no eye testing for the players. Some of them go through this process at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru, when they attend camps. The team management goes by the assumption that when players have come up to the international level, they must be alright on this count. However, BCCI does conduct vision tests for those appearing in examinations to become umpires.

Back on court, basics for Jayaram & Tanvi

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

AS India's elite shuttlers like PV Sindhu await permission from Telangana government to resume training at the Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad, Ajay Jayaram and Tanvi Lad have hit the court. They have been swinging their racquets at the Karnataka Badminton Association (KBA) courts since last Wednesday.

Jayaram and Lad are part of the KBA Academy, which has Anup Sridhar as coach. Sridhar has been in touch with the players, advising them on fitness routines during the lockdown via Zoom. But it is a different thing when it comes to on-court training. Their plan is to go slow. They are only training at 50 per cent intensity, looking to push it to 75 per cent next week.

"Back to normal is a slow process. No point in pushing for 100 per cent too hard, too soon," said Sridhar. The former player, who won a bronze as part of the mixed team at the 2006 Commonwealth Games, is no hurry to list future tournaments. International badminton will return in August starting with Hyderabad Open. "For two weeks, it will be a bit easy. We will pick up slowly and get them match fit by the time the tournament comes. We will have to sit out and plan about the tournaments," said Sridhar.

India shuttler, Tanvi Lad during practice at KBA on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

With KBA opening its doors to members from Monday, academy players have to practise between 10am-5pm. Players are back in court after two months and it is important to not overdo, which could lead to injuries.

"We have been focussing on basic stuff, nothing which is taxing on the body. We are trying to get the muscles used to movements and fix routines, mostly simple stuff. Everyday, there is progress," said Lad, who is 112th in women's world rankings. Jayaram is 61st.

Everyone in the academy is following guidelines, including use of hand sanitisers. The playing surface is disinfected twice a day and only singles practice is allowed. However, the players are not wearing masks while playing. "It becomes impossible to play wearing masks. It gets difficult to breathe," Lad said.

EXPRESS READ

Cricketers speak up for Black Lives Matter

COLOMBO: Darren Sammy called on ICC to speak up or be considered a part of the problem, Kumar Sangakkara saw a powerful lesson for all, while Chris Gayle recalled the abuse he faced as cricketers weighed in on the issue of racism amid protests over George Floyd's death in US. Gayle was among the first to express solidarity with the "Black Lives Matter" campaign.

Can get ball to reverse without saliva: Shami

NEW DELHI: Mohammed Shami said on Tuesday that he can still get reverse swing going even after the proposed ban of use of saliva, provided the shine is properly maintained. If you are a fast bowler, instinctively you apply saliva to shine the ball. But yes, if you can maintain the shine of the dry ball, it will reverse," he said on Instagram.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION
(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)
KAVARATTI-682555

F.No.42-11/2019-20-DHS Dated: 02.06.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Health Services U.T of Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti invites competitive E-Tender from the Original Licensed Manufacturers or their Authorized Distributors / Agents for the following work as detailed below.

Name of Work	Annual procurement and supply of Dressing items required for All Health Institutions for the year 2019-20
Tender Fee / Cost of Tender Form	1000 + 18% GST (Rs.1180)
Bid Document available for downloading from	03.06.2020 10.00 PM
Bid Document available for downloading up to	25.06.2020 4.00 PM
Last date & Time for submission of Bid	25.06.2020 4.00 PM
Opening of Technical Bid	25.06.2020 4.30 PM
Opening of Financial Bid	06.07.2020 4.00 PM

Tender Document containing detailed terms & conditions and goods required can be downloaded from the website **www.lakshadweep.gov.in** Bidders willing to participate in the tender shall visit the e-tender website **www.tendersutl.gov.in** for participation.

For any help / query, please contact representative of the Department through email **(bufferhealth@gmail.com & healthtenders786@gmail.com or Telephone (04896262819)** and for any help in processing of e-tender please contact E-Tender helpdesk Shri. Sakeer Hussain. Mobile. 9447510207.

Sd/- (Dr.M.K. Mohammed Aslam)
Director Health Services
U.T of Lakshadweep

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Engineering Wing
(Office of the Engineer-in-Chief,1st Floor, PHI Building, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru-560 001, (Telephone No.080-22274892 E-mail: cekhsdrp@gmail.com & cekhsdrp-hfws@karnataka.gov.in)

No: HFWD/EW/EIC/TA-3/AE-1/TND/2020-21/225 Date: 01.06.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION - Call 2

The Engineer-in Chief, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Class-I contractors registered in KPWD in two tender document system in e-procurement for the following works.

Sl. No.	Description of Work	Approximate Amount put to Tender (Rs. Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. Lakhs)
1	Construction of 450 bed Hospital Building for Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health in the premises of SDSTB & Rajiv Gandhi Chest Diseases Institute at Bengaluru	8500.00	85.00

Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon): **18 Months**
Calendar of Events: **(1)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **01.07.2020 upto 16.00 Hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **03.07.2020 at 16.00 Hrs.**
The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.
Note: **(1)** All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Engineer - in Chief,
H&FWD, Engineering Wing,
Bengaluru.

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Yellapur Division, Yellapur-581359. Ph: 08419 261273
Fax: 08419 261353 e-mail: yellapurdcf5@yahoo.com
No.: A4/DTS/June-July-2020/Auction/CR-1/2020-21 Date: 26.05.2020

Tender Notice Regarding e-Auction of Forest Produce

Date has been scheduled for disposal through e-auction of forest produce stocks in Government Timber Depots of Yellapur Division in the months of June-July-2020. Participation in the said auction is subject to conditions mentioned in the detailed tender notice of this office - No.: A4/DTS/June-July-2020/Auction/CR-1/2020-21 Date: 26.05.2020. For further information on e-auction this office can be contacted during office hours and details regarding e-auction can be obtained through authorized Karnataka website **www.mstccommerce.com** and **www.etimber.in**

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Yellapur Division, Yellapur
DIPR/KWR/MCA/83/20-21 Dt.2.6.20

KPC GAS POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
YELAHANKA COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT
(CIN : U40102KA1996SGC020337)

No: KPCL/2020-21/IND3557/Call-2 Date: 02.06.2020

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

Sealed bids are invited in Two-Cover System through GoK e-Procurement platform, from the Manufacturer/Authorised Supplier/Stockist/reputed trader for **"PROCUREMENT OF PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENTS (PPE) for YCCPP"** The brief bid notification containing the Pre-qualifying Criteria for the bidders, EMD, Calendar of bid activities & other details can be accessed from e-Procurement portal. The details of NIT and brief bid notification can also be seen on KPCL website: **www.karnatakapower.com** Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under login for Contractors. The bid documents can be downloaded from e-Procurement web from: **02.06.2020.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer (MSP)Y, YCCPP, KPC Gas Power Corporation Ltd., Doddaballapura Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064. Mobile No: 9480682807. Phone No: 080-28460974. Fax No: 080-28460302. e-Mail: eemspyccppkpcl@karnataka.gov.in**

Karnataka State Coir Co-operative Federation Ltd.
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DIC Building, 3rd Floor, 1st Cross, Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010. Ph: 080-23154220, 23154231
e-Mail: **karnatakacoirfed@gmail.com** website: **www.karcoirfed.in**
No.: KCF/TN-35/36/37/AS/715/2019-20 Date: 02.06.2020

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-2)
(Through e-Procurement)

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement portal from Reputed Machinery Manufacturers in the prescribed form in duplicate, in two covers bid system consisting of Technical bid and Financial bid for supply of (1) Fully automatic power loom for weaving of 4 Shaft Matting and Geo-textiles -1 Nos. (2) Cop winding machine 1 Nos. (3) Spool winding machine 1 No (4) 2ply spinning with auto feeder 2 bobbin capacity 3 Nos. (5) Fibre opening machine 1 Nos. (6) 5kg pith block making machine 1 Nos. at Javagal coir cluster, Javagal Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District as per KTPP Act, 1999. The technical bid and financial bid need to be submitted through e-Procurement only. Financial bid of tenerers will be opened only, if the technical bids are found qualified. Karnataka Govt. Website Address: **https://eproc.karnatkaka.gov.in**
(a) Last date & time for submission of tender: **19.06.2020 up to 4.00 p.m.**. (b) Date & time for opening of technical bid: **22.06.2020 at 11:30 a.m.** (c) Date & time for opening of financial bid: After finalization of Technical bid. (d) Place of opening of tender: Office of the Managing director, Karnataka Sate Coir Co Operative Federation Ltd, District Industries Centre Building, Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Rajajinagar Benglauru-560010. Ph: 23154220 / 23154231.

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GLOBAL NOTICE INVITING BIDS (GNIB)

For Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection and Commissioning of SO_2 Solution preparation plant and auxiliaries in chemical preparation area for pulp mill for TNPL UNIT-II MEP

Bidders may request the tender document at the above address by post/mail. Detailed GNIB may be viewed in websites: www.tenders.tn.gov.in/www.tnpl.com
Date of Issue of Bid Document: **3rd June, 2020**
Due date for submission: **24th June, 2020**
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Office of the Mission Director
NATIONAL URBAN LIVELIHOODS MISSION
No.11, Unit No. 305, 3rd Floor, Blue cross Chambers Building, Infantry Road Cross, Bengaluru - 560 001.

No: MD 305 DAY-NULM 2020-21 Date: 01.06.2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission is implementing under Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department. **In this regard, required one vehicle (Car) on monthly rental basis for management of the work for the Office of The Mission Director, National Urban livelihoods Mission** is inviting tender in two cover system as per the KTTP Act,1999. The Interested and eligible Agencies may collect the Tender form on **03.06.2020** by paying **D.D of Rs.100.00** (One hundred Rupees only) in favour of **'The Mission Director, DAY-NULM'** at office of the Mission Director, National Urban Livelihoods Mission, No.11, Unit No.305, 3rd Floor, Blue Cross Chambers Building, Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560 001. 1) Commencement of issue of Tender document: **03.06.2020 to 18.06.2020 at 4.30 P.M.** 2) Last date and time for submitting of tender: **18.06.2020 at 5.30 P.M.** 3) Time and date of opening of tenders: Technical Bid & Technical Evaluation :**20.06.2020 at 5.00 P.M.** 4) Time and date of opening of tenders: Financial Bid:**22.06.2020 at 1.30 P.M.** For more details please contact Ph: 080-25599993.

Sd/- Mission Director
National Urban Livelihoods Mission
DIPR/DDU/2020-21

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Executive Engineer, (East-2) Division
10th Main, 1st Cross, Indiranagara, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 038

No. BWSSB/EE(E)-2/PB/284/2020-21 Date: 28.05.2020

INVITATION FOR TENDER - 3rd Call
(Only through e-Procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Itemwar Tender from registered agencies for the work of **"Providing and Laying of 225mm dia SW line at Chamundeshwari Temple at Chikkanna Layout and linking to the (Proposed 300mm dia RCC NP3 class Leading upto) 900mm dia Sub main coming under HBR Service station of AEE(E-1) Sub division (Action Plan Approval ID No. 202-19-40205-00700-0076) New Works: CE of S.W.P.L.**
Amount Put to Tender: **Rs. 14,41,156/-**, EMD: **Rs. 36,100/-.**
Last Date & Time for Receipt of completed tender will be: **15.06.2020 upto 4.00 PM** and Date of Opening of Tender will be on: **17-06-2020 after 5.00 PM.** The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-Procurement process can be obtained by logging onto **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (East-2)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Varahi Hydro Electric Project)
CIN No: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2019-20/PS/WORK_INDENT9306/Call-3 Date: 29.05.2020

BRIEF BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Platform)

e-Tender in Two Parts (pre-bid qualification and price bid) are invited for the work of **"Supply, Installation, testing and Commissioning of One Number 20HP/15KW, 33.5 CFM Free Air Delivery at 40 BAR Working Pressure Air Compressor at Mani Dam Power House"** at an estimated Cost of Rs. 3,52,207/- inclusive of GST. Bidders can access the bid document on website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Fill & submit the completed bid (Part-I & II) documents in electronic tender on website itself with an **EMD of Rs. 9,000/-.** Last date for receipt of completed bids : **13.06.2020 upto 23.59 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer(O&M), Mani, KPCL, Masthikatte-577425,** Shivamogga, Karnataka State. Phone : 08285-265222, Cell : 9449598851, e-mail : eeomkpcl@gmail.com during office hours.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

GM(C), RITES Ltd. Bengaluru invites on behalf of the Department of Collegiate Education, Bengaluru online percentage rate bids in Single Packet System for the following works:

NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/19/2020 Date 02.06.2020, Renovation of Maharani Cluster University at Bengaluru for DCE under RUSA. Est. Cost is Rs.296.53 Lakh (Approx.), EMD Rs. 2.97 Lakhs, Period of completion **12 months,** Last date and time of submission of bid **18.06.2020** upto **11.00 hrs.**

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only.

Sd/- General Manager (C)
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, VILLUPURAM

TENDER NOTICE
T.N.No.06/2020-21/HDO/Dated:28.05.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender through online only** will be received **upto 11.07.2020, 13.30 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Villupuram Circle for **CRIDP 2020-21 Works, (Package No.42 to 58)** pertaining to **Villupuram (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 05.06.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
C&M CIRCLE, VILLUPURAM
DIPR/2034/TENDER/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client Mr. G.U. Pravin S/o. Late T.G. Umapathi is the absolute owner of property bearing No. 179, (PID No. 14-74-179) West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560 086, Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet and bounded on East by: Property No. 178, West by: Property No. 180, North by: 12th 'A' Cross Road and South by: Property No. 174. While renovating his house, our client has lost the original Gift Deed dated 30/11/2016 (registered as Doc No. RJN-1-03587/2016-17, in the Rajajinagar SRO) pertaining to the said property.

In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original document, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address within 7 days of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original document.

SOMASHEKHARA A.N., Advocate
No. 105, 3rd Floor, MR Mansion
12th 'D' Main Road, Muthyalanagar
Bengaluru - 560 054.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client/s have entered into an Agreement of Sale with **Mr. Syed Khamar Ahmed Junaidi** S/o Ali Ahmed Junaidi, Doddagubbi Village, Bangalore-77, to purchase the Schedule Property hereunder which earlier belonged to his Mother **Mrs. Mumtaz Begum** now gifted to him and if any person/s have any manner of rights, interests, claims or objections of whatsoever nature can lodge their claim/s with the undersigned along with substantial document/s **within 15 Days** from this notice and if no claim/s are lodged within the specified period, it will be deemed that the above mentioned person is the sole and absolute Owner of the said Property and my clients will proceed to conclude the sale transaction and register the sale deed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that **Property bearing Site No.1 and Site No.5**, formed in **Property Sy.No.92, Doddagubbi, Bidarahalli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** Measuring:East to West:80-0 (Eighty Feet) & North to South:20-0(Twenty Feet), total area admeasuring 1600 Square Feet; bounded on the **East :** Portion of same Property; **West :** Road; **North :** Property belongs to B. M. Goverdhan; **South :** 6' Passage leading to property of A. Muniraju;

Sd/- **T.M.SYED AFZAL AHMED**-Advocate
No.151/1-A, Lal Masjid Complex,
Jumma Masjid Road, Shivajinagar,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Kishore Reddy**, S/o Sri Prasad, residing near Old Khambavi Bus Stand, Khambavi, Yadgir, Karnataka do hereby inform to the general public that Iam intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property and entered into an agreement from its owner Smt. Thulasamma W/o Late Doddappa, aged about 50 years, residing at Goutham Colony, Hoskote Town, Bangalore Rural District-562 114.

If any person/s having any rights, title, Claim, interest of any objections over the schedule property, they should contact me at the above said address with suitable documents with in 07 days from the date of this public notice. If no objections or claims are received within prescribed time, then I will proceed with purchasing the schedule property and if any objections made after prescribed time, then I will not be responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing PID No. 39-505-143, Katha No.706/607/555/1783/1, Site No. 1 (one), Goutham Colony, Ward No. 19, Hoskote Town, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 26 feet, North to South 20 feet or 520 Sqft of Vacant Site and bounded on East by: Kishore Reddy's Property, West by: Road, North by: Shivamma's Property, South by: Muninarasamma's Property.

KISHORE REDDY, Mobile: 9740476998

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is hereby given to the public whomsoever that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from Sri. N.S.KRISHNA MURTHY S/o N. Sampangiramaiah.

Any person or persons having objections, claims or interest in the schedule property/transactions may lodge the same to the undersigned with valid documents/proof within Seven (07) days from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be presumed that the aforesaid property is free from any acts of encumbrances or claims.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property i.e., Vacant BDA Site No.298-B (P-1) formed by the Ideal Homes Co-operative Building Society Limited, in Sector No. 'B' in the Ideal Homes Township, Kenchanahalli/ Halagevoderahalli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, MEASURING - East to West : (82.5+66)/2 feet, North to South : (77+75)/2 feet, in all measuring 5643.00 Sq. feet AND BOUNDED ON THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES –East by: Site No.297,West by : 18th Main Road, North by : Site No.298-A, South by: 12th Cross Road.

B. JANARDHANA, Advocate,
No.892/C, 1st Floor, 6th Main,
WCR 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmipuram,
BANGALORE – 560 086.
MBL No.9845448285

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with Mr. Nagaraj .H.N, S/o Dr H.R. Narayana, aged about 60 years, residing at No. Flat No.F-501, Vaishnavi Rathnam, No.1, SM Road, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore – 560 057, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that Mr. Nagaraj .H.N is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and he has acquired the Schedule Property under the Gift Deed dated 29th July 2015, registered as Document No.BYP-1-01840/2015-16, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Gandinagar (Byatarayanapura), Bangalore. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to Mr. Nagaraj .H.N's right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

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M/s. B.M. Associates,
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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **JUVERIA**, D/o. **Mahmood Vasim,** R/at No.1082, 15th Cross, 1st Main, 3rd Block, 1st Phase, HBR Layout, Bangalore - 560043 have changed my name to **JUVERIA VASIM** vide affidavit dated: 01/06/2020 Before Notary **S.R.Nanjunda Swamy**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YARANDAHALLI HANUMA REDDY MOHAN**, R/at No. 65, 11th Main Road, BTM 1st Stage, Near BTM Water Tank, Bangalore - 560029, have changed my name to **MOHAN REDDY YARANDAHALLI HANUMA REDDY** vide affidavit dated 02/06/2020 Before Notary **H.G. Venkataramu**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DIVYA MAIYA,** D/o Krishnamurthy Maiya, age 22 years, R/a No. C-810, Magnifica Block, Brigade Gardenia, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore-78 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DIVYA** to **DIVYA MAIYA**, hencforth I shall be known and called as **DIVYA MAIYA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 1st June 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.R. RAJANNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VIJAYA LAKSHMI, Residing at No. 89, Anjaneya Swamy Temple Road, Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043, have changed my Minor Son's name from **MONISH K** to **SRIMAAN.K.** vide affidavit dated 02/06/2020 sworn before Notary B.Seshagiri, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) VISHNU PRASAD S KAKADE, Residing at No. 7, 4th Cross, Yogeshwar Layout, Bidadi-562109, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) VISHNUU S KAKADE** vide affidavit dated 01/06/2020 sworn before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JAYACHANDRA R, Residing at No. 18, Pouram, 4th Cross, 17th Main, Laggere Main Road, Freedom Fighters Layout, VTC : Bangalore North, PO : Peenya Small Industries, District : Bangalore, State : Karnataka, Bangalore-560058, have changed my minor son's name from **DHAYVIK SHANKAR J** to **DHAIVIK SHANKAR J,** vide affidavit dated 02-06-2020, sworn before notary Neha Baddi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. R Leelavathamma W/o, Sri. S.V. Vijayadev aged about 64 years residing at No. 772/4, 2nd Main, Near Venkateshwara Sweets, L N Colony, Yeshwanthpur. Bangalore - 560022 declares, affirms and confirms that I am called as R Leelavathamma and R Leelavathi by the public at large and both the names refers to me only for which I have sworn to an affidavit dated **21.05.2020** before Mr. Kundan Babu M, Notary Public.
Place : Bangalore
Date : 02.06.2020

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main/Compartment, Secondary, Senior Secondary Examination of Year 2013-2015 and **Roll no. 4042553** issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the candidate **SHOAIB KHAN CP, S/o, Chand Pasha, MV** Extension, 1st Cross, Kanakanagar, Hoskote-562 114, Bangalore Rural District. **If found, please call: 90362 19843.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PADMAVATHY REDDY**, R/at No. 65, 11th Main Road, BTM 1st Stage, Near BTM Water Tank, Bangalore - 560029, have changed my name to **PADMAVATHY RAMAREDDY** vide affidavit dated 02/06/2020 Before Notary **H.G.Venkataramu**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MARIYAM FATHIMA,** D/o Late Sarvjit Pathak and Sushila Pathak, age 31 years, R/at No. 7/6, 1st Cross, J.C. Road, New Kalasipalyam, Bangalore-560 002, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RANJANA PATHAK** to **MARIYAM FATHIMA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MARIYAM FATHIMA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 2nd June 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) GOVINDARAJULU HANUMANTHAPPA, S/o. G.Hanumanthappa, R/o 13/14, 1st Cross, Gummaiah Layout, 22nd Main, 14th Cross, Opp Muneshwara Temple, Padmanabha Nagar, Bengaluru-560070, have changed my name to **GOVINDARAJU HANUMANTHAPPA** vide affidavit Dated 28/05/2020 sworn before Notary H.G.Venkataramu, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, O.P. VIVIAN WILFRED, S/o O.S.Paulraj State that in my Passport Bearing No. Z3922625 My name is wrongly mentioned as **VIVIAN WILFRED** instead of **O.P.VIVIAN WILFRED** My correct name is **O.P.VIVIAN WILFRED** (OLETTY PAULRAJ VIVIAN WILFRED), vide affidavit Dated 02/06/2020 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME & DATE OF BIRTH

I, No.13951923K Ex–Hav N. Dorasami Mandadi have changed my wife's name from P. Sujatha to N. Dilli and her date of birth from 20-05-1970 to 01-07-1972 vide Affidavit dated 13th March 2020 before Sri. Jalandhara, Advocate & Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I DHARITRI GURUNATH JOSHI D/o Sri Gurunath Joshi residing at #57,Sirsi Road, Mysore Circle, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018, have changed my name from DHARITRI to DHARITRI GURUNATH JOSHI for all future purpose, vide affidavit dated 2-6-2020 sworn before Notary and advocate N.H. Poornima, B'lore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Shalini B.S. & Rohith Kumar D, both are R/at # 290/2, 6th Cross, Behind geetha Ashrama, New Kavika Layout, Mysore Road, Bengaluru have changed our minor son name from
RITHVIK R. to RUSHANK R.
vide affidavit dated 01-06-2020 sworn before notary K.C. Shashikala, Bengaluru

LOST DOCUMENTS

I, **Rohit Sharma,** S/o Chetan Prakash Sharma, age 20 years, R/a No. B203, V S Chalet Apartment, LBS Nagar, HAL Post, Bengaluru-17 do hereby inform to the general public that I have lost certificate and marks sheet of 10th and 12th Class and the document for ID6307372, 402478 and educational certificates. In this regard I had lodged police complaint on 7-3-2020, bearing Lost Report No. 051724/2020. If anybody finds the above said documents, please hand over the same to the above said address or contact me on 9986038931. **ROHIT SHARMA**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SIDHI M. KATARIA D/o Mahaveer J. Kataria, Residing At No.RM-2B West-Park Road, Between 7th And 8th Cross Malleshwaram Bengaluru–560003, have changed my name as **SIDDHI M. KATARIA** Vide Affidavit Dated 02/06/2020 sworn before Notary M.S Satish Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRANAV ROONWAL Shanthilal Madanlal S/o Madanlal Shanthilal Roonwal, Residing at No.41, A-Street, 1st Cross, N.K Palya, Shivaji Road, Bengaluru–560051, have changed my name as **PRANAV ROONWAL** Vide Affidavit Dated 02/06/2020 Sworn Before Notary M.S Satish Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHOBHA W/o Narayanamurthy Chennaiah, Residing At No.338, 8th A Main, 17th Cross, Rajajinagara, 2nd Stage, Malleshwram-West, Bengaluru–560055, have changed my name as **SHOBHA BETTAHALLI VENKATASWAMY** Vide Affidavit Dated 02/06/2020 sworn before Notary M.S Satish Bengaluru.

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Series finale

Turnabout Intruder, the final episode of the American science fiction television series *Star Trek*, was first broadcast on this day in 1969

PLOT

Star Trek— based on a story by Gene Roddenberry — was written by Arthur H Singer and directed by Herb Wallerstein. It revolves around Captain Kirk's attempts to save the Empire

REMASTERED VERSION

Since the series was cancelled and did not come to a natural end, the episode lacked 'finale' touches. The remastered version ended with the Enterprise flying toward a colorful nebula

DID YOU KNOW?

Leonard Nimoy and Majel Barrett are the only actors to appear in both the first (*Star Trek: The Original Series: The Cage*) and last (*Star Trek: The Original Series: Turnabout Intruder*) episodes of the series

Sonal Monteiro all set to make her Punjabi debut

PG 4

Staycationing guests chill out at The Den • **Nagaraja Gadekal**

RELAXING NEXT DOOR

• **Simran Ahuja**

This year has seen the travel industry being affected like never before. Jokes on how plans would now involve frequent trips to the living room and back, with long layovers in the kitchen, have been doing the rounds for weeks now. With holiday plans nowhere in sight, star hotels are now looking forward to a rise in staycations. "There's been a pent-up demand from guests who want to shake of lockdown drudgery," says Kunal Chauhan, general manager, Leela Palace Bengaluru, which has received queries from 100 people since May 10.

Recently, Ritz-Carlton Bangalore launched a new offer, beginning at ₹12,500 per day for double occupancy in a deluxe room, breakfast and a five-course meal with wine. "People are looking to visit a luxury hotel, which they are confident will have safety measures," the hotel said in a statement.

Case in point, Pramod Nanjareddy, whose plans to celebrate his 12th wedding anniversary with a getaway to Coorg or Chikmagalur were cancelled due to the pandemic. Tired after 40 days of being indoors, Nanjareddy and his wife, Sneha Chandrashekar, decided to check into The Den for a night last month. "We didn't have access to the spa, gym or pool but we got to spend time on their green lawns, which was a welcome change," says the entrepreneur. Agrees interior designer **Kavyashree Rajashekar,** who also opted for a staycation with her cousins at the same hotel some days later. "It was the closest I could get to travelling in these times," she says.

Vinesh Gupta, GM of the hotel, says 40-45 couples checked in for staycation in one month alone, opting for the ₹5,999 package with bed and breakfast. "I would see guests working on their laptops in the garden. I think some of them were trying to make the best of remote working options before offices reopen," says Gupta. Since gyms and pools are barred from reopening, hotel staff is bringing in different experiential activities to lure guests. For example, at the Den, you can have a candle-light dinner in your room. The Ritz-Carlton will offer cooking classes with chefs and an art walk of over 400 pieces in the hotel. At Leela Palace, guests can look forward to a special cocktail hour in the evenings, where the menu includes immunity-boosting drinks.

Since some hotels also double as quarantine centres, safety norms have been escalated. The Leela Palace Bengaluru has started its process for COVID compliance from Bureau Veritas. "The quarantined guests are on a different floor. Staffers attend to them in a PPE suit. We ensure that the chance of cross-contamination is near nil," adds Chauhan.

In a bid to facilitate post-lockdown travel, Marriott International announced a deal at their over 90 hotels across India and south Asia, offering discounts for bookings made this month for stay up to June 30, 2021.

"About 40-45 couples checked in for staycation in one month alone. I often see them working on their laptops in the garden
—Vinesh Gupta, GM, The Den

BULLPEN BLUES

Worries about catching the virus, topsy-turvy sleep cycles, concerns about public transport... Professionals are facing work-from-home withdrawal symptoms as they swap their pajamas for formals again

• **Monika Monalisa**

For techie Jeetesh Irudayraj, a work day was earlier involved planning the day in advance, keeping an outfit ready and preparing for meetings. But after working from home for over two months, he has lost track of his daily routine. So much so that going back to his older timetable seems like a nightmare to him now. And Irudayraj isn't alone in feeling the trepidation. With employers resuming the work-from-office schedule, many workers are citing anxious moments to get back to the old cycle.

During the initial phase of the lockdown, Mpower, a mental health counselling centre, had launched a helpline to address mental health concerns during COVID-19. In the past two months, they received over 45,000 calls. According to them, 52 per cent of their callers complained about being anxious about life post lockdown. "I have lost track of time – I sleep late and there is no particular time of waking up. I have almost forgotten what clothes I have in my wardrobe," laughs Irudayraj, whose firm has asked employees to report to office on alternate days. He adds that his biggest fear is being unable to wake up on time for his daily 10am meetings. "I don't understand how an alternative day schedule of working from home keeps us safe," wonders Irudayraj, who resumed working from office on Monday.

Agrees Sweta Sarangi, a techie who stated that being a mother of a four-year-old, it's a scary thought for her to step out of home with concerns of getting infected. "Though I prefer to work from home, absence of a household made it a nightmare to manage work and home. But I would not have had it any other way since I know we are safe at home, especially my daughter," says Sarangi, who has been working from home since March. She adds, "I watched a video on the difficulties faced by kids who were infected, and from then on I further ensured sanitation. But now, reporting back to my office raises concerns of being exposed to the virus."

For Bharat M, his usual bus from Koramangla to Bellandur has now been replaced by an Uber. "It's become a huge expense for me. Work from home seemed like a better option," says the operations manager.

Experts feel that the constantly evolving present scenario is bound to leave people feeling misplaced. "Most can't even predict how their next day is going to be, so feeling lost is a normal human tendency. This is added onto concerns of being safe from the virus," says Venkatesh Babu GM, consultant psychiatrist, Fortis Hospital. "The best way to deal with such situations is communication. If you are living with a child or elderly people, you should immediately raise your concerns with your office."

ILLUSTRATION: **TAPAS RANJAN**

UNLOCKING WORRIES

As different Indian states gradually ease the lockdown restrictions, Mpower's helpline received calls from people reporting various concerns, including

- Safety
- Anxiousness about stepping out of their homes
- Returning to work
- Commute
- Work-life balance

"I watched a video on the difficulties faced by kids who were infected. Reporting back to my office raises concerns of being exposed to the virus
—**Sweta Sarangi,** techie

ROLL CALL

STANDING TALL

A youngster taking in the scenic views at Turahalli forest. The photograph was captured on an iPhone 6
• **Ravindranath T Parekodi**

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Safety measures include provision of a safety kit at boarding gates • **Vinod Kumar T**

13,000 passengers a day since KIAL reopening

• **Express Features**

With the resumption of air travel last week, Kempegowda International Airport (KIAL), Bengaluru, has set a contact-less procedure set in place. Measures include printed or e-boarding passes, thermal scans, zero-contact baggage drops and security checks, and provision of a safety kit at boarding gates.

For 23-year-old Pragya, who was travelling to Bhubaneswar, the organised procedure put her worries to rest. She said, "We have to cooperate with officials, they have done the best from their end." Agreed Khushwant Kumar, (32), who was travelling along with his wife and four-year-old daughter – all donning PPE kits. "My concern lies with how this virus spreads through minimum contact. The contact-less setup looks fine for now but we should wait till we see the results," said Kumar, who was travelling to Indore.

According to a survey conducted by KIAL, 87 per cent of the passengers who participated cited air travel as a safer means. Work-related travel was cited as the primary reason for their travel intent at 60 per cent, while personal reasons stood second at 30 per cent.

Running at 33 per cent employee capacity, Hari Marar, managing director and CEO, KIAL, stated that total number of daily arrivals and departures of flights stands at 65 each, with the number of passengers touching 13,000 per day since operations resumed.

SPACE WATCH

STRAWBERRY MOON ECLIPSE

The second penumbral lunar eclipse of 2020 is expected to occur between June 5 and June 6. This penumbral lunar eclipse is called 'Strawberry Moon Eclipse'. The wild strawberries that start to ripen during early summer gave name to the Full Moon in June. Other names are Rose Moon, Hot Moon, and Mead Moon. In 2020 we will get to see a total of four penumbral lunar eclipses, out of which the first one took place between January 10 to January 11.

The eclipse at its full stage will be visible 12.42 am IST on June 6.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

BRIGHT SPOT

Collector in control

At a time of peril, when the rest of the country has few examples to live up to, here's Tirupur Collector Dr K Vijayakarthikeyan forging a new path. His 24x7 control room, staffed with multilingual operators, has been helping migrant labourers with many of their needs. He has also ensured that there is enough ration to feed them all.

Source: The Better India

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Lord Shiva is an ascetic. However, he falls in love with Sati, the granddaughter of Lord Brahma, and becomes a householder as their relationship shapes the universe.

- Cast: Mohit Raina, Mouni Roy
- Watch on: Star Plus
- Monday to Sunday at 9.30 pm

SHRIKANT

Raj Lakshmi nurses Shrikant to health when he is affected by plague. During a voyage to Burma, he meets Abhaya, who is abandoned by her husband.

- Cast: Farooq Sheikh, Irrfan Khan, Tiku Talsania, Mrinal Kulkarni
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 3.30 pm

BUNIYAAD

A saga of an upper middle class Punjabi family from Lahore and its four generations spanning over 50 years from the 1920s to the 1950s with many interesting sub plots.

- Cast: Alok Nath, Anita Kanwar, Dalip Tahil
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 10.30 pm

FLOP SHOW

Actor Jaspal Bhatti and his team of comedians present a satirical take on various societal issues through skits and sketches.

- Watch on: DD National
- Time: 6 pm every day

UPANISHAD GANGA

The show shares the knowledge of Upanishads explaining its meaning in the modern context through stories.

- Cast: Dwaraka Prasad
- Watch on: DD Bharati
- Daily at: 6 pm

CHANAKYA

The series is a fictionalised version of the life-history of economist, strategist and political theorist, Chanakya, who was also the royal advisor of King Chandragupta Maurya.

- Cast: Chandraprakash Dwivedi, Dinesh Shakul, Surendra Pal
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 5 pm

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

VISHNU SENA

After losing his family members to corruption, Professor Jayasimha vows to clean the system through violence. He forms a team with college students to punish people who engage in unfair practices.

- Cast: Vishnuvardhan, Gurleen Chopra, Ramesh Aaavind

CHAARULATHA

When Ravi falls in love with Charu, one half of the conjoined twins Charu and Latha, their mother decides to separate them through surgery. But Latha dies and her spirit returns to seek revenge.

- Cast: Priyamani, Skanda Ashok, Saranya Ponvannan

NATASAARVABHOWMA

An investigative journalist, Gagan, moves to Bengaluru and ends up living in a supposedly haunted house. Soon, he realises a change in his behaviour after falling prey to supernatural activities.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Anupama, Rachita Ram

MR. ROMEO

When Romeo threatens to expose a kidney scam, the perpetrator tries to kill him. He is saved by tribal people and returns to reveal the truth only to find that a lookalike has taken his place.

- Cast: Prabhu Deva, Vadivelu, Madhoo

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHY WE GET MAD — AND WHY IT'S HEALTHY BY RYAN MARTIN

Anger researcher Ryan Martin draws from a career studying what makes people mad to explain some of the cognitive processes behind anger — and why a healthy dose of it can actually be useful. "[It's] a powerful and healthy force in your life," he says.

2 THE FIGHT AGAINST SEX SLAVERY BY SUNITHA KRISHNAN

Sunitha Krishnan has dedicated her life to rescuing women and children from sex slavery, a global market. In this talk, she tells three powerful stories, as well as her own, and calls for a more humane approach to helping these young victims rebuild their lives.

3 3 WAYS TO SPEAK ENGLISH BY JAMILA LYISCOTT

Jamila Lyiscott celebrates — and challenges — the three distinct flavors of English she speaks with her friends, in class and with her parents. As she explores the history and present-day identity that each represents, she unpacks what it means to be "articulate".

4 "A BIRD MADE OF BIRDS" BY SARAH KAY

"The universe has already written the poem you were planning on writing," says Sarah Kay, quoting her friend, poet Kaveh Akbar. Performing "A Bird Made of Birds," she shares how and where she finds poetry.

5 WHY I HAVE COFFEE WITH PEOPLE WHO SEND ME HATE MAIL BY ÖZLEM CEKIC

Özlem Cekic's email inbox has been full of hate mail since 2007, when she won a seat in the Danish Parliament — becoming the first female Muslim to do so. At first she just deleted the emails, dismissing them as the work of fanatics, until one day a friend made an unexpected suggestion: to reach out to the hate mail writers and invite them to meet for coffee.

FIT BIT

BHARADVAJASANA (TWIST POSE)

Bharadvajasana, the name being derived from the Sanskrit word Bharadvaja, is dedicated to the sage Bharadvaja. It is named after him who was one of the seven great sages (sapta rishis) and is a creator of the Vedas. This Asana is considered to be a very simple seated pose, where the main focus is on twisting the torso towards one side, back strength with the shoulders turned perpendicular to the floor, and the devotion of the great sage Bharadvaja. It has several variations.

STEPS

- Start in Dandasana with legs stretched out in front and arms in resting position beside the body, close to the hips.
- Bend knees and bring them towards left hip. Make sure that right buttocks carry the weight of body.
- Place a blanket under the left hip if necessary to level the pelvis.
- Place right hand on the floor and left hand on the right outer thigh.
- Slowly take a deep breath and stretch your torso.
- As you exhale, twist your torso to the left so that the shoulders are perpendicular to the hips.
- Now, left hip presses down the weight of body on the floor.
- Hold the final position and take five to ten deep relaxing breaths.
- Then, release with an exhalation, turn the torso forward and extend the legs back to Dandasana. Repeat on the other side.

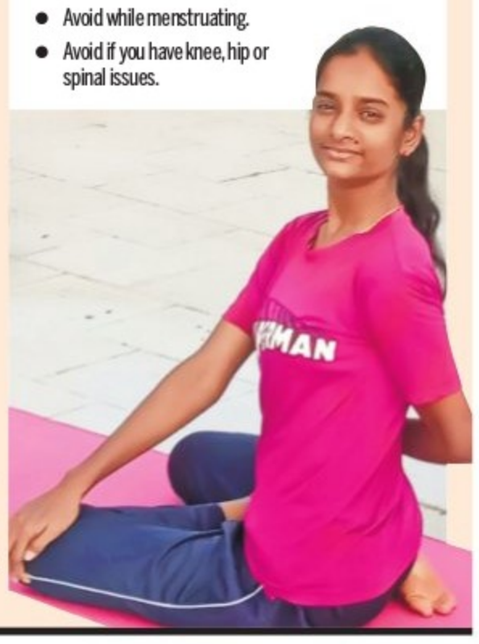
— By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science), at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

BENEFITS

- Boosts the parasympathetic nervous system, which is responsible for rest and digestion.
- Shoulders, along with hips, get a deep stretch.
- Improves blood circulation.
- Improves functions of the spleen, liver, kidneys, digestive and excretory systems.
- Activates the joints of hips, knees, ankles and wrists.
- Relieves neck pain, sciatica and lower back pain.
- Helps to relieve carpal tunnel syndrome.
- Especially good in the second trimester of pregnancy to strengthen the lower back.
- Massages the abdominal organs, improving the strength of muscles and digestion.

LIMITATIONS

- Do not practise when suffering from diarrhoea
- Avoid if you have conditions like migraine, insomnia or low blood pressure.
- Avoid while menstruating.
- Avoid if you have knee, hip or spinal issues.



NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ALIDU ULIDAVARU (Kannada)

This movie revolves around a popular tv host and myth-buster of superstitions, who is working on the 100th episode for his show. Caught in the business of numbers, TRPs and relationship tangles, this psychological thriller uncovers the secret that is haunting him.

- Cast: Ashu Bedra, Atul Kulkarni, Pawan Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

PONMAGAL VANDHAL (Tamil)

A resident of Ooty, 'Petition' Pethuraj reopens a case from 2004 that involved a serial killer 'Psycho Jyoti' who was convicted for the kidnapping and murder of multiple children.

- Cast: Jyothika, K Bhagyaraj, R Parthiepan
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

GAME OVER (Tamil)

Swapna, a game designer, has post-traumatic stress disorder and a chronic fear of the dark. Her life turns upside down after a serial killer enters her house and creates havoc.

- Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Vinodhini
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

PREMAM (Malayalam)

While George's first love turns out to be a disappointment, Malar, a college lecturer, rekindles his love interest. His romantic journey takes him through several stages, helping him find his purpose.

- Cast: Nivin Pauly, Sai Pallavi, Madonna Sebastian
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

YEH JAWAANI HAI DEEWANI (Hindi)

Kabir, a guy who wants to make it big in the travel industry, meets Naina during a trekking trip. She falls for him but refrains from expressing it. Years later they meet at a friend's wedding.

- Cast: Ranbir Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Aditya Roy Kapur, Kalki Koechlin
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SANJEEVANI (Telugu)

A group of people set out to find a mystical plant that can bring people back to life. However, once they reach the place, they are hunted by strange creatures and must escape before they are killed.

Cast: Sweta a Varma, Anurag Dev

Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

Registration: ₹ 399 per year

BADHAAI HO (Hindi)

Nakul, a 25-year-old man, is shocked to discover that his mother is pregnant. His struggle to come to terms with the news puts his relationship with his girlfriend, Renee, in jeopardy.

- Cast: Ayushmann Khurrana, Neena Gupta, Gajraj Rao, Sanya Malhotra
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

DOCTOR SLEEP

Struggling with alcoholism, Dan Torrance remains traumatised by the sinister events that occurred at the Overlook Hotel when he was a child. His hope for a peaceful existence soon becomes shattered when he meets Abra, a teen who shares his extrasensory gift of the "shine". Together, they form an unlikely alliance to battle the True Knot, a cult whose members try to feed off the shine of innocents to become immortal.

- Cast: Rebecca Ferguson, Ewan McGregor, Jacob Tremblay
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

SERGIO

United Nations diplomat Sérgio Vieira de Mello must fight for his life when a bomb blast in Baghdad, Iraq, cause the walls to come crashing down.

- Cast: Wagner Moura, Ana de Armas, Garret Dillahunt
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

ROMA (Spanish)

Cleo is one of two domestic workers who help Antonio and Sofia take care of their four children in 1970s Mexico City. Complications soon arise when Antonio suddenly runs away with his mistress and Cleo finds out that she's pregnant. When Sofia decides to take the kids on vacation, she invites Cleo for a much-needed getaway to clear her mind and bond with the family.

- Cast: Yalitza Aparicio, Marina de Tavira
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

THE LODGE

During a family retreat to a remote winter cabin over the holidays, the father is forced to abruptly depart for work, leaving his two children in the care of his new girlfriend, Grace. Isolated and alone, a blizzard traps them inside the lodge as terrifying events summon specters from Grace's dark past.

- Cast: Riley Keough, Jaeden Martell, Lia McHugh
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

QUICK FIX

INSTANT MALPUA

INGREDIENTS

- **Wheat flour:** 1 cup
- **Sugar:** 1 cup
- **Water:** 350-400 ml
- **Black pepper whole:** 7-8 pieces
- A pinch of orange colour or soak 7-8 kesar strings in 1 tsp water
- A pinch of baking soda

METHOD

- Add sugar, a pinch of colour or kesar strings and one cup of water in the flour.
- Whisk well and make sure there are no lumps. Add little more than 1/2 cup of water and make sure the consistency is not too thick.
- Keep the batter aside for two hours. While making the malpuas, add a pinch of baking soda to the batter.
- Heat the flat kadai and add two cups of ghee.
- Once the ghee is hot, add one spoon of malpua batter and cook on medium to high flame. Turn the sides and cook till it's soft and the edges crispy.
- Once it's done, sprinkle some nuts and serve with pipping hot kheer.

— by Shashikala Kothari, Chennai

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

Good ol' days

Taking a break from social work, Ragini Dwivedi posted a video of her with veteran actor Anundhati Nag on Instagram. While the latter was seen pulling Dwivedi's leg, the *Kempegowda* actor said, "THROWBACK to missing this amazing woman. all the food enjoyed with her at the shoot and the amazing conversations and the roaming on streets to find more food. the meaning of #foodblogging was called PHOTO OF FOOD".

Cute babysitter

Radhika Pandit's recent video on Instagram is cuteness overloaded. As her daughter Ayra Yash turned 18 months old, she gave her followers a glimpse of how the little one has turned into a protective sister to her younger brother. She says, "Hope our lil baby sitter made u smile!!"

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MASTERS

It's going to be treat for theatre enthusiasts, as the 'stage' is all set to celebrate the works of two stalwarts; while an upcoming online event aims to bring Safdar Hashmi's beliefs closer to the young generation, another recalls Qadir Ali Baig's contribution to the field

Usha Rao (left) and Dr Pooja Pandey Tripathi pose as Akbar and Birbal • Nagaraja Gadekal

• Simran Ahuja

Paying tribute to firebrand playwright-director Safdar Hashmi, city-based theatre practitioner Sujatha Balakrishnan is launching an online poetry reading festival of the late artiste's works. With a special focus on children, the initiative aims to introduce them to poems of Hashmi, which Balakrishnan feels is a good way for them to learn more about contemporary issues, including the violence meted out to migrant labourers. "Hashmi's poems are not aggressive and they convey their intended messages beautifully," says the founder of Theatre for Change, which is bringing this three-day event from June 12 onwards.

All the poems will be read out by members of the city's Hindi theatre fraternity. Zafer Mohiuddin from Kathputliyan will flag off the virtual poetry series with *Bansuriwala*, which looks at the common man and his importance in a democracy. Usha Rao and Dr Pooja Pandey Tripathi will perform another of Hashmi's piece – an enactment of a lyrical dialogue between Akbar and Birbal on entitlement and ownership. Disguised as a saadhu, the latter helps the former realise how all humans are on Earth only for a short while. "The ultimate lesson is that no one person owns everything. So it's a reminder to not be materialistic in nature," says Rao, who will be playing Akbar in the reenactment.

Children can also find more takeaways besides lessons about the way of life. Since all performances take place in Hindi, it can break the notion of the inferiority that regional languages get dealt out in comparison to English, feels Tripathi. The physiotherapist and theatre artiste, who will play Birbal, says, "People of my generation paid much more attention to English and we, unknowingly, passed on notions about other languages to our children. Maybe through this performance kids can realise that language is not a barrier in the way of progress."

Agrees Shatarupa Bhattacharyya, who has directed a rehearsed reading of Hashmi's play *Machine* for the festival. Taking place over 13 minutes, it has six characters (three workers, a narrator, a maalik and a security officer) and is a "symbolic representation of capitalism."

"The beauty of this play is that though it was written in 1978, it is relevant today as well since it highlights the exploitation of labourers," explains Bhattacharyya, while alluding to the migrant exodus. The play then, she adds, helps become a huge "reality check" for children. Since Hashmi's work took on the form of a street play, she also feels it works as a good introduction to theatre for children. "We can show them how you don't need a lot of money or star power. If you have a story, all you need to do is tell it," she says.

The event will be streamed on Theatre for Change's Facebook and YouTube page from June 12 onwards.

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Stage to screen

• Express Features

June 3 marks the anniversary of thespian and theatre legend Qadir Ali Baig. In the 'old normal', stalwarts like Habib Tanvir, M S Sathyu, Rohini Hattangady and Shabana Azmi have performed on the occasion. But this year, which marks the 36th anniversary of the veteran theatreperson, has his son **Mohammad Ali Baig**, a Padma Shri recipient himself, doing the different.

A dramatised reading of *Alone*, a story of a yesteryear movie actress coming to terms with her role in real life during the lockdown, will be 'staged' online on Wednesday. "A new theatre spectacle, titled *My Father - His Exalted Highness*, on the life of the last Nizam of Hyderabad, was scheduled for its London and Russian stagings this year. But owing to the pandemic, both the shows got rescheduled," says theatre revivalist Baig.

Later this month, their globally-acclaimed plays, *Quli: Dilon ka Shahzaada* and *1857: Turrebaz Khan*, and a collection of 10 short stories, A-Quaint-Essences by the doyen's daughter-in-law, actress-writer Noor Baig, will be launched. The online tribute would be in the form of Baig reading one of the stories from that collection, titled *Alone*.

Known for extravagant sets, Baig wasn't keen on going ahead with an online theatre experience, which would neither be a play, web series or film. "Our historical works don't fit into the online format and I felt doing so would only be a compromise. Not wanting to lose the charm of our works, we decided to go ahead with a format where the focus is on words, story, accent and storytelling," he says about the one-man show in English, Hindi and bits of French. He adds, "Since the premise of Baba's work was that theatre should transcend boundaries, serving the true spirit of humanity and oneness, reaching out to those who make theatre around the country possible is important in these critical times."

Alone *can be viewed on Qadir Ali Baig Theatre Foundation's YouTube channel and Facebook page on Wednesday at 7.30 pm.*

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SOULFUL

Finding inner peace

Human beings are in despair, there is great sorrow in themselves, frustration, and there is chaos about one. The more you observe and go into it, not intellectually, not verbally, but actually discuss, observe, act, enquire, examine, the more you see how confused human beings are. They are lost. And those who think they are not lost because they belong to a particular group, a circle, and feel the more you practise, the more you do certain things, the more you do social work, or this or that, the more they are sure that the world is going to be saved by their particular little actions. The world is at war, and you think by particular prayer, a few of us people gathered together repeating certain words will solve this enormous question which has remained unsolved for over five thousand years, by words, prayer. And you keep on repeating, though knowing that wars can never be stopped that way. So each one belongs to a certain group, to a certain political party, to a religious sect and so on, and remains in it, more and more holding on to the past, to what has been. And one is caught in this. One admits, when it is pointed out, that there is chaos, general decline, deterioration outwardly and inwardly, and one realises man is lost. And without finding out why he is lost, why there is so much chaos, misery, without examining, going into it very deeply, we answer superficially, saying that we are not following god, or that we don't love – give superficial platitudinous answers that have no value at all.

And during these talks, if one has listened to them at all, one must have come to the question, why? – why this mess, why this confusion. If you enquire very deeply, you will find, I think, that man is lazy. The chaos is brought about through man's laziness, indifference, sluggishness. Because he accepts, because that's the easiest way to live, to accept, to adjust to the environment, to the condition, to the culture in which he lives – just to accept it. And this acceptance breeds dreadful laziness. And I think it is important to understand this, that we are as human beings very lazy. We think we have solved the problem of living by a belief, by saying, I believe in this or that. That belief essentially is based either on fear and therefore the incapacity to solve that fear, which indicates deep-rooted laziness. You observe in yourself, you fall into a pattern of thought, of action, and there you remain because that's the easiest way – you don't have to think. You have thought a little bit about it perhaps and now you don't have to think, you are there, you are carried along by outward events, or by the push of your own little group. That gives you a great deal of satisfaction, you think you are doing extraordinarily good work. And you daren't question it because that is very disturbing. You daren't question your religion, your community, your beliefs, the social structure, nationalism, war. You accept. Please look into yourself, because we are so lazy, and this chaos is due to this laziness because we have ceased to question, ceased to doubt, not accept.

— *Jiddu krishnamurti*

NATURE'S GOT A WORDSMITH

• Naaz Ghani

Our knowledge about natural phenomena is limited. Caught up in our nine-to-five-lives, we take for granted certain essential elements of our existence. So how do we expand our knowledge to the reaches of our curiosity? Chennai- based M Yuvan has found a way to bridge the gap. Yuvan, an environment enthusiast, posts a word of the day on his Instagram page based on the unique natural processes and phenomenon that have been occurring around us. His initiative has garnered quite an audience and his followers are now thirsty for more.

"I got the idea from author Robert Macfarlane, who posts a 'word-of-the-day' on his Twitter account. I started doing this for kids to learn about hidden yet valuable parts of nature. Often, words are a metaphor in ecology; one can draw meanings from beyond its definition," explains Yuvan, a naturalist, writer and educator in the field of natural sciences.

Around two years back, he began posting a 'word of the day' on his Instagram page (@a_naturalists_column). It attracted hordes of nature enthusiasts, for he gave words like Exuvia, which is a cast-off, hollow skin, shell of an insect, that still holds shape. Often he connects the word to our human way of life, as a short note on humanity as well. "Exuvia is like an echo of an earlier way of life, much like our lives before and after COVID-19," he says.

Words like magnetoception, he says, means a 'sense' present in birds, turtles, fish, arthropods, bacteria and many molluscs, which allows them to see magnetic field lines. "Usually the word is an allusion to something which is going on. An ecological metaphor with a meaning. Sometimes it is from what I've been reading and been fascinated by," he shares.

Some of his words have information that can help one acquaint oneself with the wild. 'Rhino Dandis' is one such. "*Dandi* means path in Assamese. There are specific trails rhinos keep to in the grasslands. They leave other vegetation untrampled. Many other animals like deer and boars follow the same trails left by the hooves of rhinos for food and water. These paths often link waterbodies, lakes, wetlands and grazing grounds," Yuvan describes.

Traditional practices like augury, he says, means farmers make weather predictions by watching dragonflies. It's a sign of foretelling the future (specifically the rains). "Farmers have been reading 'dragonfly densities' to augur the rain. Their hovering, shifting, shimmering congregations in the sky make monsoon showers prevalent," he explains.

This practice of posting a word of the day has captured the attention of most of his 15k followers, especially at this time, during the quarantine.

Sometimes, Yuvan picks simple words which might have more than one meaning based on the context. For instance, the word 'land' can have 90 different context in south India. "Some of the words have a cultural significance, like *Manjalkaani*, which is a piece of land the bride's parents give her during the marriage," Yuvan adds. Ever since this post, he has added over 50 more south Indian words for land in his journal and given their meanings and significance. Words like *asumbu* (slippery land), *arappuram* (non-taxed land given for social works), *neeraarambam* (land lacking a source of vegetation), *punnilam* (drought ridden land), *ulladinilam* (lakeside land) and *puramboke* (land of commons/uncultivable land, often performing important ecological functions) are a few from the list of around 90 words.

Picking words from books and articles that he reads, Yuvan posts words twice or thrice a week. "It depends on what I read or find, but I try to keep up the practice because I have received a good response from my followers," he says.

A few of the pictures posted M Yuvan on his Instagram handle

SONAL MONTEIRO ALL SET TO MAKE HER PUNJABI DEBUT

A known name in Tulu films, Sonal has established herself in Kannada cinema and set foot in Bollywood; she is now looking forward to working with popular actor Gurudass Mann in a new industry

• A Sharadhaa

For Sonal Monteiro, the current days are all about learning Punjabi words, watching Punjabi films, and trying to grasp the language. Having made a name for herself in the Tulu film industry, establishing herself as an actor in Kannada cinema, and setting foot in Bollywood, Sonal will soon be foraying into the Punjabi film industry. Confirming the news, the *Banaras* heroine tells *CE* that she is excited to venture into learning a new language, for which she made full use of the lockdown period. She calls it a much-deserved break that she got in her hometown in Mangaluru, and will be travelling to Bengaluru on Wednesday to sign on the dotted line for her Punjabi debut. "I have always mentioned in my interviews that as an actor, I don't want to get settled in one language, and want to venture into as many languages as possible," says the *Panchatantra* actor about the film, presented by Ishmit Singh Academy and Simar Films, which will be a period drama. Sonal will be paired opposite popular actor Gurudass Mann, along with Rajveer Singh and Avjinder Grewal, in the cast. She adds that when she moved from Tulu to Kannada films, she got to learn more. "Now I can take this fame to Punjab, where I can get a little more experience and learn a new language," she says.

The actor, who only has a song sequence left to shoot for *Banaras*, is eagerly looking forward to the release of her next, *Roberrt*. The film stars Darshan in the lead role, along with Asha Bhat, and also features Sonal in a pivotal role. She will also be part of *Talwar Pete*, starring Vasishta Simha in the lead. "The makers of the Punjabi film plan to go on floors in December," she says.

Sonal Monteiro

Lockdown made Sonal relive her school days

Meanwhile, the lockdown time has helped Sonal relive her childhood days, "I have been playing police-robber, cards, badminton, *lagori* -- almost all the games that I played in school. This time has helped me spend a lot of time with my family and I got to meet my friends. We are making a lot of noise together," she reveals.

Arjun Kapoor

Ranveer Singh

Arjun Kapoor wants to work on *Hera Pheri* remake along with Ranveer Singh

Arjun Kapoor wants to share screen-space with Ranveer Singh in a remake of the iconic comedy Hera Pheri.

Asked which movie he would love to remake with his Gunday co-actor, Arjun said: "I would love to do Hera Pheri with Ranveer and Paresh Rawal. Similarly, Main Khiladi Tu Anari is another film that I would love to remake with him."

Priyadarshan's Hera Pheri released 20 years ago, and has attained a cult status among the buffs over the years.

The film starred Akshay Kumar, Suniel Shetty and Paresh Rawal as three good-natured men struggling in life, who get rich thanks to a freak twist of fate involving a wrong telephone number and a sinister kidnapping gone haywire. Tabu also played a pivotal role in the entertainer, which set the template for new-age comedy in Bollywood.

During the interaction on social media, Arjun went on to say that his uncle and actor Anil Kapoor inspired him to pursue his passion in acting.

"I used to spend a lot of time around him and on-sets and get inspired from him," Arjun said, adding that he has also always looked up to stars like Jackie Shroff, Govinda and Suniel Shetty.

'Challenges are different for an actor coming from political background'

Sachin Cheluvarayaswamy talks about coming back to face the camera, four years after his first film; the actor shares how he wants to take forward his acting career

• CE Features

Sachin Cheluvarayaswamy, who made his acting debut with Mahesh Sukadhare's *Happy Birthday*, will be facing the camera once again after four years, and in an all-new avatar. While the one-film-old actor will be seen in the multistarrer, *Bengalur Boys*, the actor is also in talks for another project, which will be announced once the story is finalised.

Meanwhile, Sachin has gone through a transformation, and is happy to see himself change over the last four years ago. Though he was serious about his acting career, he emphasises the long gap occurred due to various reasons. "I did have a couple of projects, which were almost going on floors, but were dropped at the last minute. In the meantime, I was approached with a few scripts, but I didn't want to commit mistakes by choosing the wrong project, and waited to go with something that suits me. I wanted to focus on films that are content-oriented. Fortunately, a couple of subjects are turning in my favour, which is good," he says.

Bengalur Boys will be helmed by Raj Surya, who made a debut with *Londonalli Lambodara*. Along with Sachin, the romantic comedy will feature Chandan Achar, Shri Mahadeva and Vainidhi Jagdish in the lead roles. "Thanks to producer Rockline Venkatesh, who referred me for this project, I got this chance," says Sachin, adding that he has no qualms about sharing screen space with other heroes. "It isn't always about playing a solo lead in every film. My current priority is to focus on story-oriented films, and that is something I have learned from the experience I got after my debut film. I am keen to know the nuances of working in a multi starrer. *Bengalur Boys* is said to be a fun-filled film, the details of which the director plans to reveal during the first media interaction," says Sachin, who is waiting for the lockdown to end in order to commence shooting.

Sachin, who is the son of politician Cheluvarayaswamy, says his family background brings in a different kind of pressure for him. "Everyone has their struggles. Someone who doesn't have such a background needs to struggle to grab a project. For us, the struggle is different. Even though we know the right people, getting the right project and convincing the makers that we can fit into the character is where we have to prove our point. The challenges are different for everyone," says Sachin, who adds that he always held on to his opinion when people enquired about his acting career. "XYZ projects don't work for anyone. If you are keen to pursue an acting career, let it be with good films. Why waste energy on something that is not worthwhile? That's one of the reasons I took a lot of time to come back with the right project. There were instances when a few filmmakers thought it was easy to convince me and get me to sign a project. But that's where my experience counts. I have made that journey with my first film, and don't want to repeat the same mistake. I have the confidence to say 'No' if it doesn't work for me," he says.

Sachin Cheluvaraswamy

Satya Shaurya Sagar, Vihan collaborating for humour-based love story

The film, which brings together the director-actor duo of *Kaal Kg Preethi*, is likely to go on floors in October

Vihan

• CE Features

Kaal Kg Preethi director Satya Shaurya Sagar and and hero Vihan are coming together for the second time. This is going to be a humour-based love story, to be produced by director's friend, Krishna. The yet-to-be-titled film is likely to go on floors once Vihan completes his commitments with two projects— *Legacy*, directed by Subhash Chandra, which is in the last leg of shooting and Swaroop's directorial debut, *Let's Break Up*. The film, made under Jayanna Films, stars Spandana as the female lead. Confirming the news, the *Panchatantra* actor says, "It is an amazing script, which Satya has come up with during the lockdown period. I am looking forward to being part of the project. This is going to a commercial entertainer, which is likely to go on floors in October." Satya is currently working on the script in his hometown. "I have analysed the mistakes I made in my directorial debut, *Kaal Kg Preethi*, and am trying to set right those mistakes in my second outing. I have worked on the commercial aspects, and am working towards an impactful climax," says Satya, adding, "I will decide the technical crew and the rest of the cast after I am done with the complete storyboard, screenplay, and dialogues."

Satya Shaurya Sagar

'Always in awe of Amitabh Bachchan'

Shoojit Sircar on reuniting with Big B and Ayushmann Khurrana, capturing Lucknow authentically, and the furore over *Gulabo Sitabo's* digital release

• Shilajit Mitra

Love thy neighbour? Not quite in the world of Gulabo Sitabo, Shoojit Sircar's new comedy premiering on Amazon Prime Video on June 12. Amitabh Bachchan plays Mirza, the 78-year-old owner of a crumbling Lucknow mansion overrun with tenants. Ayushmann Khurrana's Baankey is the worst of them, skipping rent and telling off his big-nosed landlord. The film pits them in a game of squabbling, gazumping and driving each other up the wall (that is, if the wall holds). It's a cinematic match-up for the ages, cannily coordinated by Shoojit and screenwriter Juhi Chaturvedi.

In this interview, Shoojit spoke to us about regrouping with his squad, capturing Lucknow authentically, the furore over the film's digital release and why he is never over the awe of working with Amitabh Bachchan.

Excerpts:

Q. The film was initially set in old Delhi. What made you shift the setting to Lucknow?

Besides Juhi being from Lucknow, the city itself has a special and different diction from the rest of North India. Also, Mr Bachchan is from UP, so he was aware of that lingo. As we see in the trailer, the old city of Lucknow plays an important role in the film. Nothing has changed about that part of the city: the structures, the people, the old markets. It's always noisy and chaotic. We wanted to pick up those moods and moments.

A still from the film

Q. In Piku, Big B's character is deeply attached to his ancestral house in Kolkata. Something similar appears to happen here. How central is the idea of home to your stories?

All my life I have lived in a rented home. My father was in the Air Force, so we kept moving. Sometimes we lived in a one-room home, then a two-bedroom one. Slowly we moved to a quarter and finally bought a house. It was a matter of existence as well as where you are rooted. This film, in particular, deals with people from a (limited) economic background. For them, it's a matter of everyday survival, which we see all around us.

Q. Ayushmann had made his Bollywood debut in Vicky Donor (2012). How was it reuniting with him after eight years?

He was aware he was coming back to Shoojit Da's family. As such, he knew where to adapt and what to do. One thing that will never be in my film is playing to the gallery. It will have to be absolutely real to the character. Everyone should feel it's not Ayushmann but Baankey. That way, he has not changed much. He's still grounded as an actor, and there's a lot of bonding and understanding between us.

Q. You tend to bring out a new side to Big B each time.

To put it in one word, Mirza is one of the naughtiest characters he's ever played (laughs). Of course, with him being Mr Amitabh Bachchan, that sense of awe is always there. But there is also a lot of mutual respect that has grown. Our relationship has matured. We understand each other much better. A little look of the eye is enough to get each other. There's a lot of trust too, which is the most important thing between an actor and a director.

Q. Your first film with him, Shoebite, was stuck in a legal battle for years. It remains unreleased till date. Did that experience inform your decision to release Gulabo Sitabo digitally?

The pain of Shoebite will never go away. Before every film, I'm scared if it will be released. Apart from that, the digital medium is going to be here and at some point I had to experiment with it. I feel this was a situation and I adapted to that situation. Yes, there was criticism and a lot of people showed their resentment. I understand their point, but I think everything will move on and we will move together.

Q. Do you feel the pandemic has fundamentally altered how movies are distributed and consumed

The magic of the cinematic experience will never go. We will always have theatrical releases and both will co-exist. But we must understand that in terms of behavioral pattern, there's been a shift. More so because of the lockdown, people are tuned into the digital medium. So now it's a question of experience: what people want to watch on OTT and what they want to see on the big screen.

Q. You'd also finished shooting Sardar Udham Singh, starring Vicky Kaushal. At what stage is the biopic now?

We had to stop work on music and editing because of the lockdown. But now the Maharashtra government has allowed post-production to restart with guidelines. I'm at home in Kolkata right now but that shouldn't be a problem. Yes, some physical work will be required, but a lot can also be done online.